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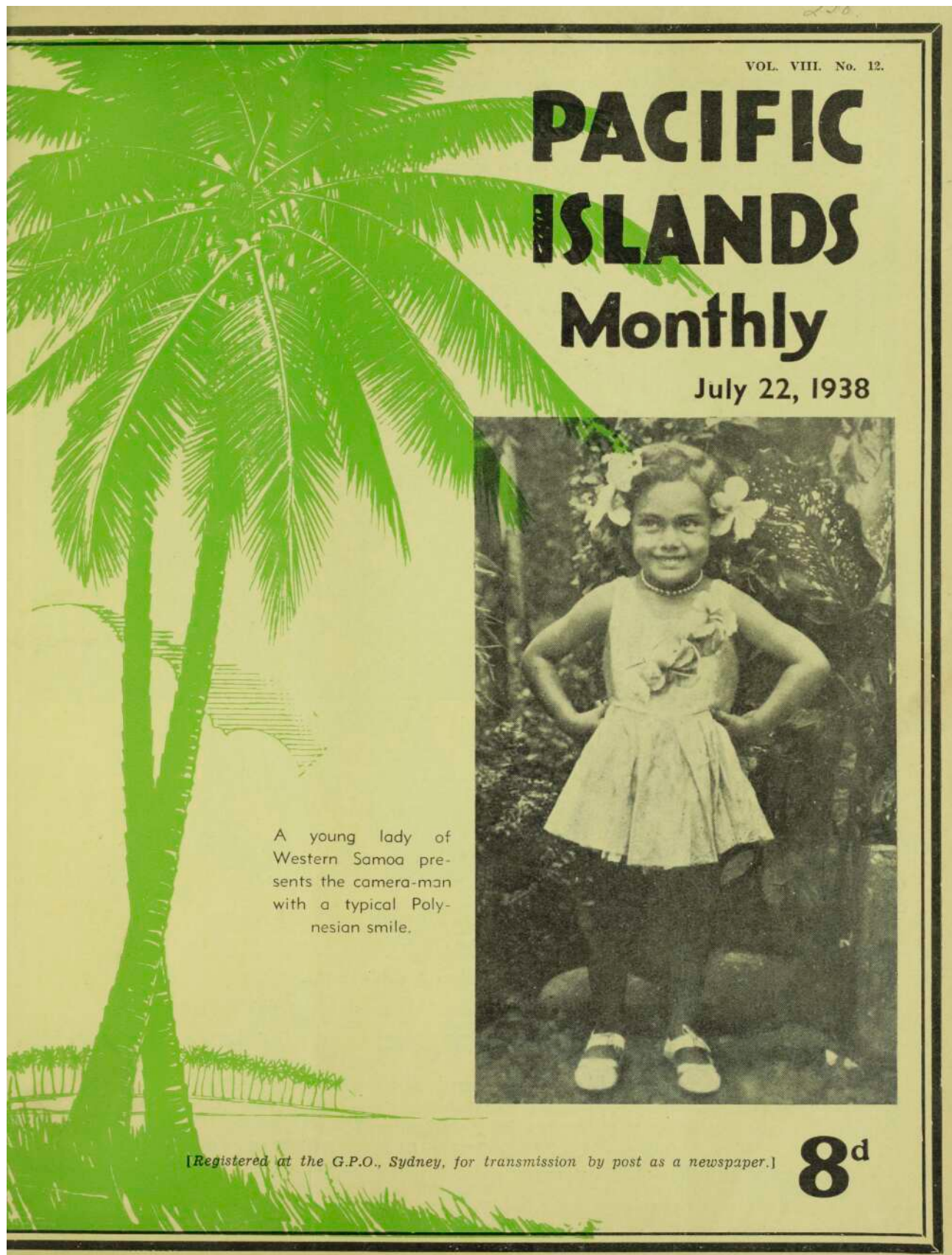
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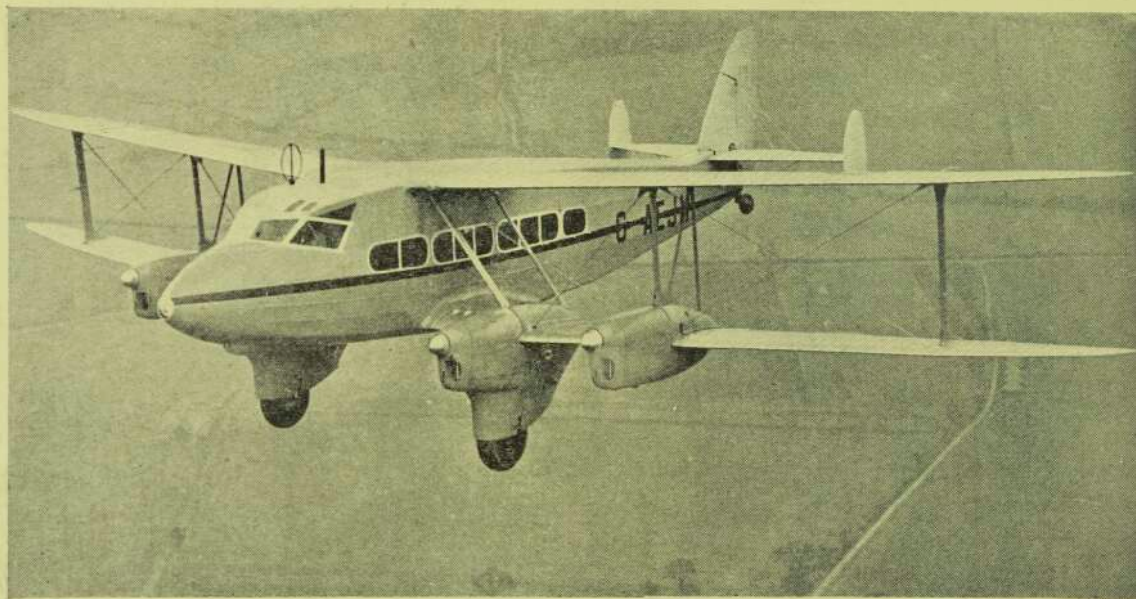
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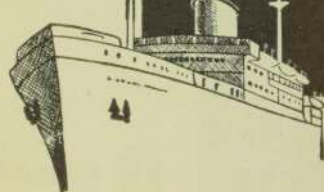
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PACIFIC MARKETS AND POLITICS

THERE has not been much change in
the copra market during the month;
but whatever movement there was has
been slightly upward.

The market, of course, is still in the
grip of international conditions, which
induce a fear complex among all opera-
tors. The constant anxiety regarding a
possible European conflagration prevents
any man or corporation from taking any
risk with future trading; and it seems
that that condition must endure so long
as the European powers continue to
build up their armaments, and every
nation echoes to the tramp of marching
men.

That is the general condition which
affects all commodities. A particular
factor which makes for depressed prices
is the continued economic unhappiness of
the United States. The buying power of
this nation of 130,000,000 people is so great
that when it goes out of any market, that
market slumps. The operations of no
single nation affect the copra market of
the world so quickly and directly as those
of the Americans. Although the British
Empire countries are not feeling it very
much, it is a fact that, within the United
States, there is to-day a very severe eco-
nomic depression—many millions of men
are unemployed, and huge sums are being
provided for relief. All sorts of remedial
measures are being tried—including

"pump priming" amounting to no less
than four billion dollars of new credits,
released among the people; but, as yet,
there are only a few signs of a new
dawn.

If the nations generally could once be
convinced that there is no danger of a
great war, the whole world would slip
quickly into an era of trading almost
without precedent in the history of human
affairs. This may come at any time. On
the other hand, there may be conflagra-
tion, in which almost everything in the
way of economic and social structures will
go into ruin.

In the meantime, producers should be
patient, and watch the signs and portents
of international affairs. It is impossible
to believe that the present tension can
last much longer.

The June review of Messrs. Faure & Co.,
of London, received by airmail, says that
there are some signs of recovery and
quotes the following comparative figures
showing commodities quotations:—

	March	May	June
Wheat	10	30	27
Cotton	7/3	5/8	6/6½
Tin	4.99	4.25	4.72
Copper	£186	£161	£190
Rubber	£40	£33	£38
Cocoa	7d.	5½d.	6 15/16d.
Copra	20/-	18/6	22/9
Linseed oil	£12/12/6	£10/16/3	£11/5/
Groundnuts	£26/12/6	£21/5/	£23/12/6
	£10/11/3	£9/17/6	£10/11/3

The delicacy of international relation-
ships in the Pacific is marked, but goes
unnoticed, because of the more ugly
situation in Europe. Japan is becoming
ever more deeply involved in China and,
as her military and economic problems
grow, her bad temper increases, and she
is baring her teeth at an unfriendly
Russia, in the north, and the very alert
and watchful forces of Britain, France
and Holland, in the south.

Over in the north-east, around Hawaii,
the United States has gathered a fleet
of enormous strength—15 great battle-
ships, 17 heavy cruisers, 13 light cruisers,
5 huge aircraft carriers (carrying some
400 planes), 120 destroyers (with another
80 in reserve) and over 50 submarines.
This mighty fleet is 90 per cent. modern;
and one asks why it is in the Pacific
Ocean, if not as an invitation to Japan
to stay at home. U.S.A., of course, has
her problems. Because Japanese com-
mercial penetration of the Philippines
has been so rapid in recent years, and
because it now is recognised that to give
the Philippines complete independence
in 1946 will mean simply making a pre-
sent of the group to this new and aggres-
sive Japan, both Americans and Filipinos
now are clamouring for the postponement
of the independence plan—nominally
until 1960; but actually, indefinitely.
Japan, meanwhile, is carrying on in the
Philippines a propaganda campaign, de-
signed to influence the Filipinos, on

racial and cultural grounds, against America and in favour of Japan. Furthermore, although half of the 150,000 Japanese in Hawaii were born there, and are nominally American, the whole community regards itself as a colony of Japan and, as is well-known, it would fight for Japan against America.

South of the equator, British, French and natives live in complete harmony, but with a feeling, uneasy and growing, that their security and future are threatened by the conditions in the north.

New Guinea Argument Shown By Map



This diagram shows the lay-out of the Morobe goldfield region of New Guinea, affected by decisions to (a) place the new capital at Salamaua and (b) build a road between Salamaua and Wau.

The matter is discussed extensively in articles on pages 8, 9, 14-16, 37-42.

The broken lines indicate roads already in existence.

Latest information (July 21) is:—

Public opinion in New Guinea is growing against the plan to put the new capital in a hot and malarious situation on a reclaimed swamp near Salamaua, when there are hundreds of square miles of cool tablelands available.

It is probable now that the new road, instead of going directly over the mountain to Wau, via the Francisco or Bitol Valleys, will go from Salamaua up the Buang Valley, along the Buang ranges, and along the Snake Valley to Bulwa or Bulolo. It is claimed that while this would mean a journey of 100 miles from Wau round to Salamaua, it would be a road of easier grade, it would run partly through country of agricultural possibilities, and it could be regarded as a suitable first stage in an arterial road to go on, through the Wampit or Watut Valley, to the Markham and Ramu country.

Mr. G. A. Loudon, of Elilogo Plantation, returned to Port Moresby by the June "Maetsuckyer" from Australia. Mr. Loudon, who has been far from well, intends to remain for a few months in Papua to avoid the cold winter months in Australia.

Rugen Harbour Co. In Liquidation

THE assets of Rugen Coffee Estates, Ltd., and Rugen Harbour Plantations, Ltd., are being offered for sale by Messrs. Burns, Philp & Co., Ltd., (mortgagees), acting in conjunction with the receiver in possession.

This was a bond-selling concern, based on coffee-growing. It started operations

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about seven years ago. Bond-selling continued actively until recently.

The property consists of about 5,800 acres in Bougainville (Mandated Territory of New Guinea). About 434 acres are planted in coffee, and there is a coffee mill, and all necessary equipment, on the plantation.

The French cruiser "Rigault de Genouilly" arrived at Papeete from Noumea in mid-June. She will remain at the Tahiti station until September or October.

GENDARME SET ADRIFT

Captured Japanese Poachers Turn The Tables In New Caledonia

From Our Own Correspondent.

NOUMEA, July 5. RECENTLY the attempted capture of a Japanese poaching sampan in the north provided an exciting chase and an unexpected sequel.

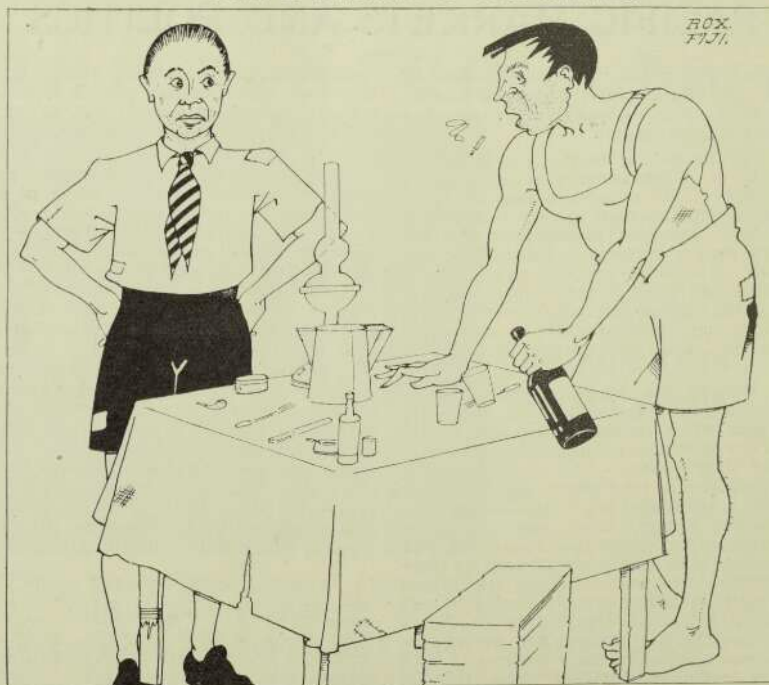
The local gendarme, with five other men, boarded the sampan after a long chase in a launch. The 22 Japanese refused to obey the orders of the gendarme to return to the shore. Night fell and the Frenchmen were forced to sleep on the sampan, which was at anchor.

In the early hours of the morning the anchor was slipped and the Japanese attempted to make out to sea. This was prevented.

Shortly afterwards an abandoned whaleboat was sighted and it was decided to salvage it. In doing this, the Frenchmen placed their rifles on the deck, but the Japanese promptly seized them and threw them overboard. They then compelled all but the gendarme to jump overboard and swim back to their launch, which was some distance away.

The gendarme was taken out to sea and, at a suitable point, placed in a rowing boat and left to do the best he could to navigate his small craft back to shore. Eventually he reached land safely.

BUSH BACHELORS OF THE ISLANDS



Visitor (from neighbouring island): "You don't mean to say you DRESS for dinner here?!!!"

Canton "War"

More Amenities For U.S. Camp

From Our Own Correspondent.

HONOLULU, July 2.

THE circulation of the "P.I.M." is unique. It finds its way into the far corners of the globe—finishing up, for example, on official desks in Washington.

Right along the "P.I.M." has observed and reported the recent "discovery" and occupation by American units of certain Pacific Islands. Canton Island has offered the best "story" to date because, although a British party had occupied the island for some time, along came the Americans, who hoisted a much bigger flag, and settled down in tents and huts alongside their "cousins".

Reports in the "P.I.M." have made life on Canton much easier for the Americans. Notable example: the Britishers had a big refrigerator in which they were able to keep, nice and fresh, those tit-bits that take the monotony from a tropical menu. Although America had occupied other islands before Canton, the Government had never bothered to give their isolated men the advantages of a refrigerator.

However, the "P.I.M.'s" references to the Britishers' refrigerator on Canton have borne fruit. A U.S. coastguard cutter, which will visit Canton during July, will take along a refrigerator exactly the same size as the Britishers'. The whole technique of keeping the Americans stocked with food is to be improved, so that Captain "Bill" Martin of the "Niagara" won't have to pull up his trans-Pacific liner any more and shoot supplies ashore on a raft, as reported in the "P.I.M."

Best of all, though, refrigerators are to be placed on the U.S. occupied islands of Enderbury, Jarvis, Baker, and Howland. This just shows what a little publicity can do!

Next British move in connection with Canton Island is reported to be this: Mr. Tom Manning, who has been radio operator there since January, will be replaced by a navy signal officer, who is to be dropped there soon by one of the warships of the N.Z. division of the Royal Navy. Mr. Manning will be taken on to Christmas Island to relieve Mr. William Cowie, who has been there almost a year.

This change is being made to give the British units on Canton more authority. The navy man chosen is said to "know his onions", which means being tactful—and knowing how to keep a refrigerator running!

CHANGE FROM PAGO PAGO TO CANTON?

From Our Own Correspondent.

AUCKLAND, July 12.

ALTHOUGH no advice has yet been received by the representative of Pan-American Airways in New Zealand (Mr. Harold Gatty), it is reported here that the P.A.A. base at Pago Pago will be removed either to Canton Island or to Rose Island, and that Pago Pago will be retained as an emergency landing station. It is reported also that Mr. F. McKenzie, Pacific Division airport engineer for P.A.A. was recently at Pago Pago making arrangements for the change over.

U.S. SHIP LANDS MATERIAL

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, July 1.

IN pursuance of what is believed to be a definite plan to remove the Pan-American Airways base from Pago Pago

TAX DEFAULTERS PARDONED

Clemency Of Tongan Queen

From Our Own Correspondent.

NUKUALOFA, June 30.

THE 38th Session of the Tongan Parliament was opened to-day by Queen Salote Tubou. This is Parliament's 21st Session in the reign of Queen Salote, whose coronation's twentieth anniversary will be celebrated on October 11 next.

In her Opening Address the Queen said that, to mark the twentieth anniversary of her accession this year, she would exercise her royal prerogative of mercy by certain acts of clemency, which will be incorporated in a Bill. The most important of these is the cancellation of the liability of all poll tax defaulters, from 31st December, 1937, backwards.

This gesture will be appreciated when it is realized that there are about 12,000 judgment summonses on issue in the group against tax defaulters.

It is expected that the Session will be a lengthy one, for certain important measures will be raised for consideration, besides the question of the removal of the Government College from Nukualofa to the country, which is the main topic in the "fai-kavas"—kava parties—just now.

PEST BEATEN

Entomological Triumph In N. Hebrides

Letter to the Editor.

IN your May issue, someone said that there had been serious outbreaks of the coconut pest *Promecotheca* in New Guinea, and that this pest was known in the New Hebrides, where attempts had been made to control it by the introduction of the parasite *Pleurotropis Parvulus*.

You may inform your readers that this work has now been speedily and successfully carried out in the New Hebrides by Mr. Dupertuis.

After only a few weeks of technical work in the laboratory, employed in acclimatizing the imported parasite, the first colonies were released last December. Since then, *Pleurotropis* has spread like fire through the various plantations and has practically destroyed *Promecotheca*.

Plantations which, for years, had been the constant prey of the dreaded pest are now clean. The new foliage keeps green and healthy. Good crops are now expected.

Planters of the New Hebrides are exultant, and thankful to a good worker.

I am, etc.,

PLANTER.

Port Vila, June 30, 1938.

Top: New buildings recently erected on the Port Moresby aerodrome. Left to right: The power-house; the radio and meteorological offices; the Customs and medical office; Vacuum and Shell Co. offices; B.N.G. Trading Co.'s office.



Lower: The flying-boat "Guba" (Archbold Scientific Expedition), in Port Moresby. The scientific party flew over from Hollandia (north coast, Dutch New Guinea) on a friendly visit. (See article on page 52.)



The yawl "Ronda", owned and commanded by Captain Hudson (Royal Navy, retired), after a sojourn of several months at Tahiti, took her departure late in June for Samoa, Fiji, New Hebrides, Solomon Islands, New Guinea and the Dutch East Indies.

to Canton Island, the U.S.S. "Ontario", the station ship from Pago Pago recently landed a quantity of building material on Canton Island. According to reports, the U.S. Government intends to spend 500,000 dollars on the Canton air base. Canton has a lagoon, 4 to 6 miles in length, eminently suitable for seaplanes.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR FOR NAURU

MORE than 150 applications were received by the Commonwealth Government for the position of Administrator of the Mandated Territory of Nauru.

It was confidently reported in Sydney in mid-July that the selection had fallen upon the head of an important New Guinea Department, noted for his knowledge of native affairs; but no appointment has been announced officially.

NEW CALEDONIA'S NEW GOVERNOR

From Our Own Correspondent.

NOUMEA, July 6.

ALL vessels in the harbour were gaily beflagged on July 3 to welcome the "Ville d'Amiens" as she came through the heads with Governor Leonce Jore on board to take up the post of "Le Chef de la Colonie", in succession to M. Jean Marchessou. Madame Jore accompanied His Excellency.

A salute of guns, a company of soldiers with fixed bayonets, and all the leading officials and citizens greeted M. Jore on the quay. The Mayor of Noumea, M. Massoubre, on behalf of the Caledonian people expressed their satisfaction at the Governor's appointment and extended him a warm welcome.

In reply, M. Jore said that when he

learned that the Governorship of New Caledonia was available he had applied for the vacancy and, for the first time in his career, he had been able to show a preference for a country for which he had such a favourable impression. He had been appointed to this distinguished post entirely by his own wishes.

The following morning, M. Jore accompanied by the retiring Governor, M. Marchessou, the Commander of the Troops, the Secretary General, and his "Chef de Cabinet", laid a wreath of flowers at the symbolic monument of the soldiers killed in the great war.

By the "Ville d'Amiens", there arrived also Monsieur Nouvel de la Fleche, who will act as M. Jore's private secretary. He was accompanied by his wife.



His Excellency M. Leonce Jore, new Governor-General of French possessions in the Pacific and Governor of New Caledonia, (centre), receiving an address of welcome from the Mayor of Noumea, on his arrival on July 3. Immediately behind the Mayor, at the extreme right (partly obscured), is M. Marchessou, the retiring Governor. On the left are four prominent French officials of the New Caledonian Administration.

NEW GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, July 1.

AFTER the termination of his term of office of 28 months as Governor of American Samoa, Captain M. Milne has departed from Pago Pago, and the newly-appointed Governor, Captain E. W. Hanson, has arrived and has been introduced with the usual ceremony.

GENEROUS DONATIONS.

One of the last acts of Governor Milne was the dedication of a public library at Pago Pago, for which money and books had been donated by Mr. William McCluskey, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Barstow, and other friends of Samoa in Hawaii. The land, building material and labour were contributed by the Samoan people themselves.

A set of surgical instruments, worth 1,000 dollars, has been received from a retired American surgeon, Mr. William S. Porter, of Oakland, Cal. The doctor is a personal friend of Captain Meyer, of the Matson liner "Mariposa" and, on his recommendation, Dr. Porter presented

these valuable instruments to the Public Health Department of American Samoa for the benefit of the Samoan people.

TROUBLE IN CENTRAL PAPUA

From Our Own Correspondent.

PT. MORESBY, July 22.

THE R.M. at Kerema reported this morning that there had been a disturbance at the police camp on the Tauri River. A plane left Pt. Moresby to-day carrying police to Kerema and a patrol will leave immediately for the Tauri camp to investigate.

Fantastic but quite inaccurate reports of a massacre have been in circulation.

Mr. E. W. P. Chinnery, head of the Native Affairs Department in New Guinea, is at present in Northern Australia, accompanying the Minister of the Interior (Mr. McEwen) on a 10,000 miles inspection of that Territory.

HEADS OF PAPUAN SERVICE

Three Retirements This Year

IT is reported that Mr. A. P. Lyons, Director of Public Works in Papua, will go on leave shortly, prior to retiring. He is a well-known, popular official, and his skilled brain, experienced hand and genial personality will be greatly missed in the Territory.

This will make three retirements of Papuan major officials within the year—Mr. E. C. Harris, Treasurer; Dr. W. M. Strong, Chief Medical Officer; and Mr. A. P. Lyons. None was unexpected—all three

An alteration of the "Monfiro's" running in the Papua-New Guinea shipping timetable is announced. Details on page 78.

men have given practically a lifetime of service to the Territory—but the Lieutenant-Governor for all that, will feel that 1938, in depriving him of three of his ablest and most loyal lieutenants, has been a black year indeed.

Mr. Harris was succeeded by Mr. S. Smith, as announced in the P.I.M.

Dr. F. J. Williams, at present Medical Officer in Port Moresby, is to be appointed Chief Medical Officer of the Territory in Dr. W. M. Strong's place. Dr. May, now Medical Officer at Samarai, will take Dr. Williams' place in Port Moresby, and Dr. May's place will be filled in Samarai by Dr. D. H. Lewis, who seven or eight years ago relieved Dr. Giblin in Papua as Medical Officer when Dr. Giblin was on leave.

A successor to Mr. Lyons has not been announced. The position, almost certainly, will be filled from the ranks of the Resident Magistrates, wherein are several trained and experienced men.

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PACIFIC TRAVELLERS



Miss Jean Anderson left Sydney for Port Moresby, Papua, by the "Macdhui" on July 9, where she will be married to Mr. Owen S. Speedie, well known rubber planter.



Mr. Geo. Brett, well-known planter and miner, of Samarai and Eastern Papua, returned by the July "Macdhui".



Miss Conway, popular nurse, left Sydney for Rabaul, New Guinea, by the June "Montoro".



Major E. P. Penfold, a director of the well-known Sydney firm of stationers, W. C. Penfold & Co. Ltd., sailed by the July "Macdhui" on July 9, on a round business trip embracing New Guinea and Papua.

POLITICAL "COURTESIES" IN SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, July 1.

IN a letter published in the local newspaper, a Samoan Chief has voiced a strong protest against the speech made by the Samoan Fautua and President of the Mau, Tamasese, at the official function at the Apia Courthouse, on the King's Birthday. Tamasese touched on Mau politics, and eulogised the New Zealand Labour Government, when, in accordance with tradition, political and controversial matters should have been left alone.

Mr. Phillip L. Griffiths, M.A., LL.B., K.C., Solicitor-General of Tasmania since 1930, has been appointed to relieve Chief Judge Phillips in New Guinea, when the latter goes on leave shortly.

NEW GOVERNOR OF FIJI

Sir Charles Luke, A Distinguished Authority On Near East

IT was announced on June 28 that Sir Charles Luke had been appointed Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, in succession to Sir Arthur Richards (recently appointed Governor of Jamaica).

Sir Harry Charles Luke was born in 1884 and was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Oxford. He took the degrees of B.A. in 1906; M.A. in 1910; and B. Litt. in 1919. He became private secretary to the Governor of Sierra Leone in 1908, and A.D.C. in 1909. He acted as Colonial Secretary in Sierra Leone, for a few months in 1909. He became private secretary to the Governor of Barbados in 1911; and later was attached to the Colonial Office. Then he was private secretary to the High Commissioner of Cyprus, and Clerk of the Executive Council.

He was Assistant Secretary to the Government of Cyprus when war broke out, in 1914. His war service included some very interesting work: Secretary of the Cyprus Defence Committee; service on "H.M.S. Doris" on coast of Syria; with rank of Lieutenant-Commander; political officer to Admirals Wemyss and Christian at the Dardanelles, and Government Secretary at Mudros; Commissioner at Paphos and Famagust. He received the thanks of the Admiralty for good service, and the Italian Medal for military valour.

After the war, in 1919 and 1920, he was political officer to Admiral Sir John de Robeck, in Constantinople and the Black Sea, and British Commissioner in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. He was Assistant Governor of Jerusalem in 1920; member of Commissions on the Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and on the Jaffa disturbances, 1921; and Financial Commissioner of the Patriarchate.

Sir Charles became Colonial Secretary of Sierra Leone, in 1924, and was Acting Governor on four occasions. He went to Palestine as Chief Secretary in 1928.

Sir Charles Luke was appointed to his present position, Lieutenant-Governor of Malta, in 1930.

He is regarded as an authority on Mediterranean affairs, and especially on matters affecting the Near East. He is

a master of the Turkish and Greek languages, and is the author of several books, dealing with Sierra Leone, Cyprus, Palestine, and Mediterranean affairs generally.

Sir Arthur Richards Goes To Jamaica

SUVA, July 5.

THE Governor of Fiji, Sir Arthur Richards, K.C.M.G., who has been transferred to Jamaica as Governor, will leave Suva by the "Niagara" on July 22.

The post of Governor of Jamaica carries a total of salaries and allowance of £5,500 (sterling) a year, compared with £4,800 (Fiji currency), drawn as Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific. Prior to coming to Fiji, Sir Arthur was Governor of Gambia, having previously been Governor of North Borneo, and in the Malayan Civil Service.

Mail Contract For Guinea Airways

THE bold move made by Guinea Airways, Ltd., over a year ago, when surplus plant was transferred from New Guinea, and new services pioneered between Adelaide and Darwin (weekly) and Adelaide and Sydney (daily) has been rewarded.

When it was decided to change the aerial transport of London-Australia mails from land-planes to flying-boats (which run around the north-east Australian coast), it was pointed out that incoming air-mails should be sent direct to south and west Australian States from Darwin, instead of being taken around, via Brisbane and Sydney.

Discussions and negotiations have ended in the Commonwealth Government giving to Guinea Airways a contract to pick up air-mails at Darwin, and distribute them, via Adelaide, to Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and West Australia. Guinea Airways will abandon their Adelaide-Sydney service, and will run a three-times-a-week service between Adelaide and Darwin.

The new arrangement puts Guinea Airways definitely "on the map" so far as Australian mainland aviation services are concerned. Someone displayed a shrewd, long vision when that Adelaide-Darwin service was inaugurated.

NEW HOTEL AT PORT MORESBY

THE new building which will be the future Hotel Papua, in Port Moresby, is now taking shape (as shown by the

photograph herewith) and should be ready for occupation in September.



The hotel will be modern in all respects. The chief attractions will be two spacious lounges—one inside, and the other in the style of a sheltered verandah, facing the harbour, with concrete floors and pillars.

The amenities of the new establishment will be appreciated, both by those who live in Papua, and by the increasing numbers of people who pass through the Territory.

COOK ISLANDS CONTROL

Judge Ayson Returns To Rarotonga

THERE has been an unexpected change in the position of Resident Commissioner in the Cook Islands, controlled in New Zealand.

Mr. H. F. Ayson, who for the past year has been Judge of the Waiariki Native Land Court with headquarters at Rotorua, returned on July 4 to resume the position of Resident Commissioner of the Cook Islands and Chief Judge of the High Court and Native Land Court in the Cook Group.



Mr. S. J. Smith

With the exception of a short term as a Judge of the Native Land Court at Rotorua in 1922, Mr. Ayson served in the Cook Islands from 1919 until last year.

He was succeeded in 1937 by Mr. S. J. Smith, formerly secretary to the Cook Islands Department, who is returning to New Zealand.

No reason has been given by the N.Z. Government for the recall of Mr. Smith and the reinstatement of Judge Ayson. It is presumed it has something to do with the inauguration of the fruit control scheme. Mr. Smith threw himself into the work with great energy and eagerness, but it was not exactly a success.

"A BOMBSHELL"

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, June 23.

ALTHOUGH the announcement—which came like a bombshell—in the change of Commissioners was made formally by Mr. Smith on June 11, no reason was given. It is understood, however, that there has been some variance between the N.Z. Government and the present R.C. in connection with various aspects of the Government control of the fruit trade.

Other changes have been made.

Mr. W. T. Goodwin, who was sent by the N.Z. Department of Agriculture to inaugurate the Government Fruit Control Scheme here, has returned to his Department in Wellington, after spending

two years here. His place has been taken by Mr. M. Baker, the young Jamaica fruit expert, who is now Acting Director of Agriculture.

Dr. Ellison, O.B.E., has been for long overworked, as Chief Medical Officer, and at last the N.Z. Government has fulfilled its promise of a second M.O. Dr. M. Rose arrived by the May "Matua" and, in a short time, has established himself in the esteem of both European and native residents. He is a London-trained man; he served in the War; and he has been relieving M.O. at Niue and Samoa.

FRUIT CONTROL SCHEME

Letter to the Editor.

IN your issue of May an article appeared headed, "Fruit Control Opposed". I do not know who furnished the statement, but it is a partisan and not quite accurate statement of the proceedings.

It is stated therein that Mr. W. P. Browne bitterly attacked the scheme. This is quite inaccurate. Mr. Browne (the writer) did not attack the scheme, but he did object strongly to the price offered for the bananas. He is in favour of the Government Control Scheme, as are fully ninety-nine per cent. of all the growers in the Islands; but, as secretary of the Rarotonga Growers' Association, and voicing their opinion, he objected most strongly to the muddle, contradictory statements and attempted domination of the growers' free expression of their opinions by Mr. Smith and his officials.

However, they have all been removed who gave offence. Judge Ayson is returning as Resident Commissioner, to the joy of all, and Mr. Baker, our new Director of Agriculture, shows a willingness to fit in, which promises a happy future for the Cook Islands fruit industry.

The price paid for Cook Islands bananas, 3/6, does not repay the work entailed, as you say, but as the Samoan system is about to be introduced, we have every hope of receiving such an increase in price as will cause bananas to be planted.

All planting of bananas is being held up on account of the dissatisfaction with the price. Again I say, I, with every one else practically, am in favour of the Government Control Scheme, but with the proviso that the price paid is remunerative.

I am, etc.,

W. P. BROWNE.

Rarotonga, 22/6/1938.

To Spend Half-Million in New Guinea

Australia Confident About Future Of Mandate

THE administrative establishment of New Guinea is to be placed at Salamaua. This decision was made by Mr. Hughes (Australian Minister for the Territories) in defiance of the report of an expert Committee, and of opinions by practically everyone competent to express them.

We believe that the action taken by Mr. Hughes had the hearty endorsement of the McNicoll-Page administration.

The whole story is set out on pages 37-44 of this issue.

The "Pacific Islands Monthly" believes that the decision to spend £500,000 in establishing the capital at Salamaua and building a road over the valueless ranges to Salamaua (instead of putting the capital somewhere on the tablelands, and giving Wau a coastal road connection via Bulolo and the proposed Markham-Ramu arterial road) is a grave blunder, and we tried—quite uselessly—to show that aspect of it to the Commonwealth Parliament. The plan came before Parliament about 1 a.m., and members snored while Mr. Hughes rushed his legislation through.

The decision is taken, however, and nothing is to be gained by further protests.

Silver linings to the cloud are:

The expenditure of £500,000 within two years is going to create a minor boom in the Morobe section of New Guinea.

Wau is going to get direct road access to the port at Salamaua.

If the road gives the long-awaited cheap transport to the goldfield, there should be considerable expansion of the gold industry on the Morobe tableland, and an important timber industry may be established.

It is evident that Australia, in undertaking this large expenditure, does not expect that the control of this Mandated Territory will be handed back to Germany.

The Mining Association of Wau may be complimented upon the energy and shrewdness of their two representatives, Mr. H. T. Allan and Mr. C. C. Judd. They caught Mr. Hughes, in New Guinea, at the right moment; they followed up their initial advantage vigorously at Canberra,

CHANGE IN FIJI-INDIANS' DRESS WEAR

Twenty years ago the Indian population of Fiji wore various types of dresses. The Indians of Punjab had their particular apparel, the South Indians had their coloured shawls and turbans; but to-day the fashion is totally changed and the great majority of them adopt European styles of clothing.





Salamaua harbour and isthmus, seen from the mainland. The present town is on the isthmus, and the aerodrome is away to the right. In the foreground are new buildings on Kila Point. The foreshore on the right is part of the large swamp, which it is proposed to drain, in order to lay out the new town.

on June 28; and their determined advocacy made a certainty of the road, at a moment when the plan was being attacked on all sides.

M.P.'s CRITICAL OF SALAMAUA

Road To Wau May Yet Go via Markham or Buangs

GENERALLY, the debate in the Federal Parliament upon the New Guinea Loan Guarantee Bill, at the end of June, was valueless. The majority of the members slept and most of those who did speak confessed to ignorance about New Guinea conditions.

The circular letter sent to members by the editor of the "Pacific Islands Monthly" was referred to on a number of occasions—especially in the Senate—and Ministers were pointedly asked why the report of the Griffiths Committee regarding the capital site was departed from, and why it was proposed to take the new road over the mountains to Wau, instead of by the longer but more valuable route up the Markham Valley; but Ministers plainly dodged giving any reply to either question.

A few items of interest came out during the debate.

The Minister (Mr. Hughes) paid an eloquent tribute to the work done by the aerial transport companies in developing the Morobe goldfield, but then submitted arguments to show that aerial transport could not indefinitely carry on—that there was an obligation to provide the Morobe goldfield with a road to the coast. He believed that freight thus could be reduced from its present level of £21 per ton to £5 per ton, plus toll charges. He said that, so far, the Morobe field had produced gold worth £10,000,000. Mr. Hughes then made this curious statement:—

"Several alternative routes are suggested—some more or less direct, some circuitous, and it is for the engineering experts to decide which shall be chosen. One of the longer routes has the advantage that it would serve better to open up the agricultural country which stretches along the Markham Valley for 150 miles to the Ramu plateau. It is not for me to indicate which route shall be chosen."

Mr. Beasley interjected: "How can an estimate of the cost be made if the route has not been chosen?"

The Minister floundered. He repeated: "Those who are qualified estimate that a road could be constructed for £150,000.

Some say it could be made for as little as £80,000. . . . I am assured that the tonnage to be carried over the road will return in toll sufficient revenue to pay interest on the loan and provide a sinking fund".

Mr. Curtin remarked that he understood that the toll on the road would be £1 per ton of freight. He said the Wau-Edie Creek road, 12 miles, cost £16,000.

The Minister interjected: "It cost £24,000 for 12 miles".

Sir Charles Marr reminded the House

that the gold royalty had been raised from 1 per cent. to 5 per cent. at the beginning of the goldfield, in order to build a road, but that had never been done. The Administration enjoyed the large revenue, while the gold companies were compelled to use expensive aeroplane transport to take in machinery and supplies. The bulk of the heavy transport work now was completed—he did not think that the new road would be asked to carry more than 10,000 tons per annum.

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N.Z. Warship's Cruise Cancelled

From Our Own Correspondent.

AUCKLAND, July 13.
The necessity for avoiding the spread of measles to South Seas natives has resulted in the cancellation of the remaining portion of the winter cruise of H.M.S. "Achilles". Not due back until August 1, she will return to Auckland on July 15.

According to advice received here, there is at present one case of measles in the sick bay of the "Achilles". Two others isolated, while the ship was at Pago Pago last week, apparently have recovered. The vessel was refused pratique when she arrived at Pago Pago on June 30.

Other precautions to prevent the possibility of infection being carried from Rarotonga to outer islands in the Cook Group include an alteration in the itinerary of the Union Co.'s M.V. "Matua". She will leave Auckland on July 14 and, instead of going direct to Rarotonga, will first visit Mangaia, Mauke, and Atiu.

The next meeting of the Legislative Council of New Guinea will be held at Rabaul on August 9.

Work on a spacious concrete copra shed for Messrs Burns Philp (S.S.) Co., Ltd., has been started at Apia, Samoa. The new store is to replace the former wooden shed which was destroyed by fire last year.

N.G. TIMBER

Chartered Steamer Lifts Nearly 600 Logs

From Our Own Correspondent.

RABAU, July 11.
An indication of the timber possibilities of New Guinea was given at the end of last month when the 2,180 tons steamer "James Cook" (H.C. Sleigh Coasters, Ltd.), under charter to Pacific Timbers, Ltd., loaded 590 logs, comprising 821,280 super feet at Rugen Harbour, Putput. The timber was consigned to Brisbane and Melbourne merchants.

The vessel left Putput on June 29 accompanied by a small pinnace. A mile offshore the "Cook" hove to while the pinnace returned to pick up two passengers. These were taken on board the launch and later transferred to the waiting steamer at about 7 p.m.

RESCUED BY MATCH FLARES.

It was pitch black when the pinnace eventually took leave of the "Cook" and tried to get back to the harbour. Engine trouble developed when a heavy sea came up. Finally the motor failed altogether.

The six Europeans and three natives on the small boat were in a nasty situation, having neither lights to signal the shore nor oars to make headway. However, the "Miss Peggy", which had put out under Mr. J. Gilmore, Jr., to search for the pinnace, passed close enough to discern matches struck by the stranded party, and the disabled launch was taken in tow.

SAMOAN BANANA INQUIRY

Ends Abruptly When Mau Complainants Withdraw

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, July 2.
An inquiry being held by the Commissioner of the High Court (Mr. McKay) into complaints against the Government banana scheme and the Produce Inspector, Mr. H. Newton, has ended abruptly, owing to the refusal of the Mau complainants to proceed with the investigation.

On the third day of the hearing, the Counsel for the Mau complainants moved that the Court employ an interpreter to translate the evidence into Samoan for their benefit. The Commissioner ruled that in a British Court the official language is English, and if the complainants wanted the proceedings translated, they would have to provide their own interpreter. The Counsel for the Mau then replied that under those conditions they were not prepared to continue with the inquiry.

Mr. McKay thereupon declared the inquiry closed, adding that he would report the whole matter to the Acting-Administrator.

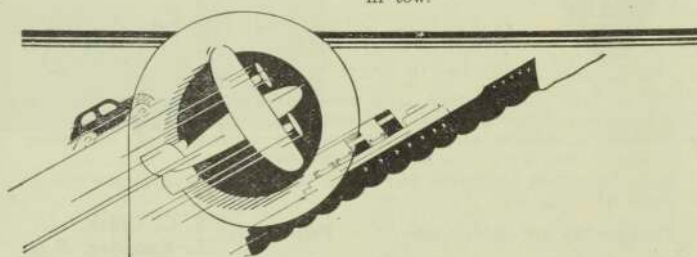
Evidence given up to the closing of the hearing had not revealed support for the allegations made against Mr. Newton. Local opinion leans towards the belief that the Mau, realising the case would be lost, seized upon the "interpreter" incident as a convenient excuse to evade the issue and withdraw.

The majority of banana growers are satisfied with the conduct of the Government scheme. The complaints seem to have been aimed at getting the industry's control transferred to private enterprise, which would have been against the interests of both European and native suppliers.

FAITHORN v. TERRITORY OF PAPUA

LENGTHY argument on constitutional questions characterised the hearing in June at the Central Court, Port Moresby, of a second action against the Territory of Papua by Mr. B. W. Faithorn, a Government officer, who had been reduced in rank from Assistant Resident Magistrate to Patrol Officer. Mr. Faithorn claimed that he was still an A.R.M. (2nd class), at a salary of £510 p.a.

On June 18, Mr. Justice Gore gave judgment in favour of the Territory, dismissing the case with costs. Mr. Faithorn has given notice of an appeal to the High Court of Australia.



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TROPICALITIES

HUMOROUS news item from Pitcairn Island:—

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They went to Pitcairn—the loneliest place they could think of — to escape America!

THE farce continues.

In London, on July 15, Sir Edward Beatty, chairman of Pacific Steamships, Ltd., said he hoped to place a contract immediately for two 25,000 tons liners for the Canadian-Australian trade.

In Canberra, on July 16, the Australian Prime Minister said he knew nothing about the completion of the Pacific shipping agreement.

In London, on July 17, Sir Earle Page (Australian Minister) said he had no knowledge of the decision indicated by Sir Edward Beatty.

In Wellington, on July 18, the Prime Minister of N.Z. said that "agreement may be nearer than is supposed".

In London, on July 20, it was announced there would be no contract—building costs were far too high.

It is reported, meanwhile, that the Matson Line, running the Frisco-Sydney service, has applied to the U.S.A. Government for an annual subsidy equal to £50,000 sterling.

IT is reported in an Islands newspaper that, last year, German shipbuilders supplied to Unilever, Ltd., a large vessel to be used as a whale-oil refinery, and seven whale-catching steamers. It is presumed that this outfit, delivered late in 1937, operated in the Antarctic in 1938.

It is strange to see Unilever, Ltd., whose activities seem always to have been connected with vegetable oils, becoming whalers in a big way. Still, the step is sound enough. The huge combine, whose "Yes" or "No" shakes every oil-seed market in the world is a very large buyer of whale oil; and it is just as logical as that it should grow palm oil in West Africa or coconut trees in the Solomons.

NEW Guinea lost another of her band of famous airmen when Aubrey Koch, popular Guinea Airways pilot, arrived in Australia by the "Macdhui", early in July, to take a position with Qantas Empire Airways, Ltd. Mr. Koch was highly esteemed in the Territory, both for his personal qualities and for his skill and courage as a pilot. Guinea Airways, in their time, have been called upon to undertake some very tricky air transport assignments, but none was too difficult or too dangerous for "Aub." to handle. New Guinea aviation is the poorer for his departure.

A few weeks before Pilot Koch left New Guinea he had an odd experience, when taking a G.A. plane loaded with passen-

gers across from Moresby to the Morobe Goldfields. Approaching Wau, he eased the throttle at 7,000 ft., to allow the plane to glide down to the drome when, suddenly, without warning, a massive eagle attacked the machine. The off-side wing was dented along the whole width of the main edge, to a depth of nearly 10 inches. Landing was not an easy matter under the circumstances, but the pilot made a perfect three-point grounding.

Other famous G.A. pilots—Denny, and Gurney, for instance—are now prominent in the leading Australian services. Orme Denny, smart and dapper in the uniform of a captain, was second in charge of the first regular Imperial Airways flying-boat to arrive in Rose Bay, Sydney—a different job to freighting dredge machinery from Lae to Bulolo, and a different costume to the open shirt and khaki shorts of those days. But the same Orme!

CORRECTION, please! It is pointed out that a paragraph in the June issue suggested that the installation of an aeroplane at the Lutheran Mission at Finschafen, New Guinea, was a quite recent occurrence. Actually, the plane "Papua" has been in regular use by the Lutheran Mission since March, 1935.

KALMARAK, newly converted New Hebridean heathen, was at his first Communion. It was the custom of the missionary to take up a collection immediately after the Service of Communion. Kalmarak had heard of this custom.

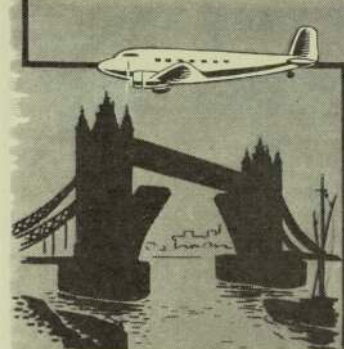
When the wine was set out Kalmarak swept up his glass and swallowed its contents at a gulp. Smacking his lips, he dived a hand into the pocket of his newly acquired "trousis" and produced a half-a-crown which, with a long-drawn sigh of delight, and a lordly sweep of arm, he slapped down on the Communion table.

It appears that the natives of that particular island always thought that they paid for that Sunday morning "spot" with the missionary.

THE ignorance of members of the Australian Parliament, in relation to the tropical territories which, unfortunately, they control and administer, were illustrated on June 22, when Mr. Hughes announced that a road would be built from Salamaua to Wau (New Guinea), and a capital built, at a cost of £500,000. A Mr. James, a "Lang Labourite", wanted to know whether white labour could be used, and whether "consideration could be given to the selection of volunteers from distressed areas, such as the coalfields of N.S.W.". Readers are invited to imagine Europeans sweating in labour gangs in the swamps around Salamaua, or doing pick-and-shovel work on the ranges eastward of Wau. Mr. Hughes himself has displayed a lamentable lack of knowledge of Territory conditions; but at least he was able to give a fitting answer to the inquiring Mr. James.

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ABOUT ISLANDS PEOPLE

Mr. E. V. Crisp, manager of Steamships Trading Co., Samarai, Papua, left Sydney by the July "Macdhui" for the Territory, after spending a short holiday in Australia.



Mr. T. R. McCulloch, a director of N.G. Goldfields Ltd., left Sydney for Port Moresby, Papua, by the "Macdhui" on July 9. He proceeded to the Company's workings on the Morobe Goldfield, New Guinea.



Miss Abel was a passenger on the June "Montoro" for Samarai, Papua, after spending some months in England and America. She is a member of the famous family which directs the Kwato Mission, near Samarai.



"The price of copra is beginning to worry planters, but whale oil is not the only factor affecting the present low price", says Mr. L. J. Pinnoch, of 30 years' experience in the Solomon Is. and New Guinea, who left for Buks, N.G., by the July "Macdhui", after spending some time in Sydney.



Mr. R. Hope, formerly stationed at Misima and Samarai with A.W.A., Ltd., has joined the staff of the wireless station at Port Moresby, Papua.

Mr. Frank Sowter has retired from the services of the New Guinea Administration.

Mr. F. E. Johnston, Treasurer and Collector of Customs in the British Solomon Islands, arrived in Sydney from Tulagi by the "Malaita" on July 16, on a short visit.

Mr. Harold R. Fenner, for many years an officer of the C.S.R. Co. in Fiji, died in Sydney in June.

Rt. Rev. W. H. Baddeley, Bishop of Melanesia, arrived in Sydney from the Solomon Islands on July 16, by the "Malaita".

Mr. J. L. Street, Registrar-General in New Guinea, sailed from Rabaul for Sydney by the July "Tanda", accompanied by Mrs. Street.

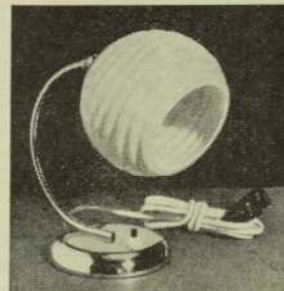
Dr. Schumacher, geologist to the Papua Oil Development Co., Papua, with Mrs. Schumacher, left by the "Maetsuckyer" for Balikpapan on June 29 on transfer. Mr. C. R. Ryerson, of the same company, also left by that vessel for Java and eventually Sydney, where he will be stationed in future.

Mr. J. Duncan, of Rapopo Plantation, New Britain, T.N.G., recently arrived in Sydney by the "Neptuna".

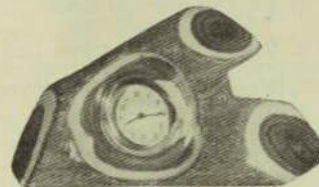
Mr. E. J. Moon, of the Wellington branch of the Union S. S. Co., has been appointed manager of the Apia branch, and with Mrs. Moon and family will shortly proceed to Samoa to take up his new post.

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M.P.'s Critical Of Salamaua

(Continued from Page 9.)

He questioned the construction estimate of £150,000.

Sir Charles Marr attacked the decision to place the capital at Salamaua. He urged that opportunity should have been taken to place the personnel of the Administrative headquarters on the cool hill country. He defended the plan, under which it was proposed to place the capital near the Markham Valley, with a road running up the Markham Valley, connecting Salamaua and Lae with the Ramu tablelands, with a side road up to the Morobe goldfield. The grade would have been easier and the road would have had permanent value. He agreed that, while Salamaua had disadvantages as a place of residence, Lae lacked a sheltered harbour; but he pointed out that over 130,000

tons of mining machinery had been unloaded at Lae without accident or serious difficulty, and had been flown from there to the goldfield.

Sir Charles remarked on the agricultural value of the Ramu-Purari tablelands. He said that there is one man already established there with a cattle ranch, from which he is supplying the goldfields with fresh meat. He also emphasised the great value of the timber in the interior districts of the mainland, both softwoods and hardwoods, and he commended a recent official decision to appoint forestry officers to survey the timber resources of the country. He urged a timber policy of conservation and re-afforestation.

(It may be added, here, that it has been reported in Sydney that a strong group of Queensland timber interests has urged the Federal Government to construct the goldfields road, with a promise that the road will be freely used for developing the timber industry and bringing the timber out to the coast.)

Interesting criticism of Mr. Hughes' decisions was offered by Mr. Hawker. He wanted to know why members had been given no prior opportunity of reading and studying the report of the Griffiths Committee, and no explanation of why that report had been thrown aside. He, however, had been able to examine the report, and he found the following interesting statement on page 26 thereof:—"The Administrator personally favours Salamaua as port and capital, or Salamaua as the port, and the capital at an inland site in one of the high river valleys".

"The Administrator there referred to is General McNicoll," said Mr. Hawker. "The opinion of any person who has had much contact with the residents of New Guinea

is that the opinion of General Griffiths would be much safer to follow than would be that of any other man who has been in charge there. . . . I should very much like to hear the reason why the opinion of General Griffiths has been set aside and that of the present Administrator adopted."

Mr. Hawker then gave, from official documents, a series of reasons why Salamaua should not be adopted—including the following: The site is subject to tidal waves; a tidal wave 30 ft. high swept that part of the coast in 1888; the district around Salamaua, owing to the presence of extensive malarial swamps, has always been heavily infected with malaria of a particularly malignant type; there is not, in the immediate vicinity, land suitable for the building of the new town.

Mr. Hawker made the important point that the Griffiths Committee stated that "the mining community is quite favourable to Lae as the capital, provided a road is built to the coast at either Lae or Salamaua". He urged that, before it was too late, the fullest consideration should be given to the alternative route to the goldfields, via the Markham Valley.

Various Labour members entered the debate, but they were mostly concerned in demanding guarantees from the Minister that the native labour engaged on the road would receive proper wages and conditions.

The Minister said that before the Loan Guarantee Bill could become operative it would have to be accepted in an ordinance passed by the Legislative Council of New Guinea.

The debate in the Senate was much shorter, and more to the point. Senators generally urged that the Markham Valley route be closely considered before a final

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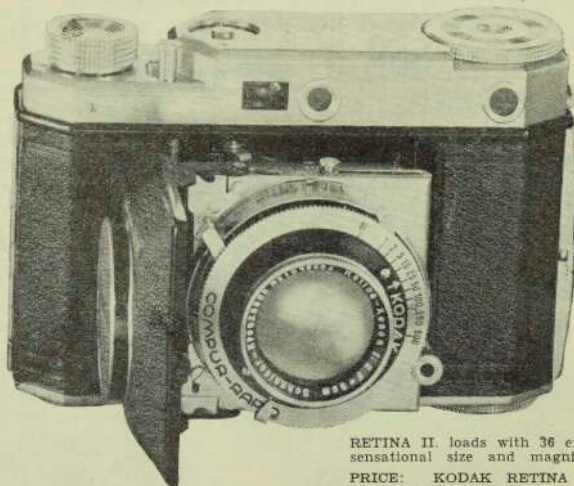
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MR. W. E. HANCOCK, manager in Fiji for the Union Steam Ship Co. of N.Z., Ltd., for several years, has received notice of his promotion to Australia, where he will act as manager at Newcastle, N.S.W., Mr. Hancock will probably leave for Sydney by the "Aorangi" on August 19. Mr. D. A. Butler, manager for the Union Co., at Apia, Western Samoa, will succeed him in Suva.

Mr. Hancock was particularly well liked in Fiji. Early this year, for the third time in succession, he was elected Commodore of the Suva Yacht Club.

decision was taken.

Senator Leckie asked this direct question: "Once this Bill is passed, does it not become certain that the new capital of New Guinea will be at Salamaua, for the reason that the Government would not decide to incur this expenditure authorised by this Bill unless it had finally chosen Salamaua?"

Senator McLachlan (Minister in charge): "That is so."

Senator Leckie thereupon proceeded to

attack the selection of Salamaua on the ground that the Government was making a grave mistake, both in the selection of the capital site and in constructing a road direct from Salamaua to Wau. He said that as a result of information received from people who had lived in New Guinea for many years he would oppose the Bill.

Senator Grant also opposed the Bill, on the ground that an important decision was being taken with undue haste and on wrong information.

The Minister acknowledged that there seemed to be a number of reasons against Salamaua; but, he said, Cabinet had sent Mr. Hughes personally to investigate, and that Minister had made certain decisions and recommendations.

In committee, Senator Johnston said: "I do not think that the Minister disclosed whether the Government intends to consider the alternative route from Salamaua to Lae, and thence to Wau along the Markham River, or whether it has decided to adopt the direct route."

The Minister: "The actual route has not yet been definitely determined. A survey is now being made by experienced surveyors."

Administrator Inspects Site

From Our Own Correspondent.

RABAU, July 14.

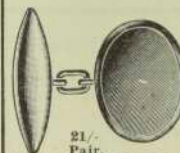
HAVING made a quick inspection of the Salamaua area, which has been selected as the site for New Guinea's future capital, the Administrator (Sir Walter McNicoll) returned to Rabaul on July 11, with Dr. Brennan (Chief Medical Officer) and Mr. Field (head of the Public Works Department).

In an interview, Sir Walter said that the Government offices and residences probably would be situated between Logui aerodrome and Kila Ridges. Portion of this region already has been reclaimed, and plans and specifications have been sent by air mail to Canberra. He was of the opinion that, when the Salamaua site was filled in and properly drained, the malaria problem could be satisfactorily

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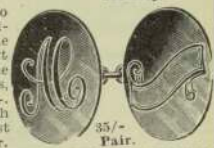
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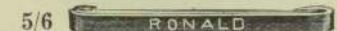


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The one selected, continued Sir Walter, need not necessarily be the shortest—it would be more economical to build a road of 100 miles, which rose only 3,000 ft., than one 50 miles long, which rose 6,500 ft.

WAU MINERS FAVOUR BUANG ROUTE.

The Mining Association of Wau wants the road, which is to be constructed from the goldfields to the coast, to follow the Buang route, said Mr. H. T. Allen, president of the organisation, when, in company with Mr. C. C. Judd (vice-president), he returned by plane from Sydney.

In Canberra they placed before the Prime Minister, the Opposition Leader, and Mr. Hughes, the miners' representations, and pointed out that the Buang route would join with the Bulolo Gold

Dredging Co.'s road (which is 27 miles long), thereby necessitating only some 55 miles to be built through country suitable for agricultural purposes. The highest point on this route would be 4,000 ft., and the annual maintenance should not exceed £10,000. Its steepest grade would be about 1 in 14.

Rabaul Merchants Against Removal Of Capital

From Our Own Correspondent.

RABAUL, July 11.

THERE was a fair attendance of residents at the meeting convened on July 1 by the Rabaul Business People and Property Owners' Association. Election of officers resulted: President, Mr. D. S. Davies; Councillors, Messrs. Furter, Moore and Baden Jones; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. R. H. Forsyth; and Hon. Auditor, Mr. R. L. Kennedy.

After discussion, the meeting passed the following resolution which has been forwarded to the authorities in Canberra:—

"The Association expresses indignation at the Government's selection of Salamaua as the capital site for the Territory which it deems to be most unsuitable from an economic and health viewpoint.

"The township of Salamaua is restricted in area, is swampy and would require expensive reclamation work to be carried out. The harbour is indifferent and there are no agricultural possibilities in the district. The only means which support the town are the goldfields, whose life is uncertain, and seismic disturbances are becoming more regular there.

"The Association deplores the Minister's attitude in announcing that no compensation or assistance will be forthcoming to the businessmen of Rabaul who require it, which is contrary to indications given to the delegates which waited on him in Rabaul.

"The Association also urges that a plebiscite should be taken amongst the Rabaul residents, the majority of whom are not desirous of leaving Rabaul; the transfer of the capital site can therefore only be looked upon as a huge expenditure of public money without any tendency towards the Territory's development."

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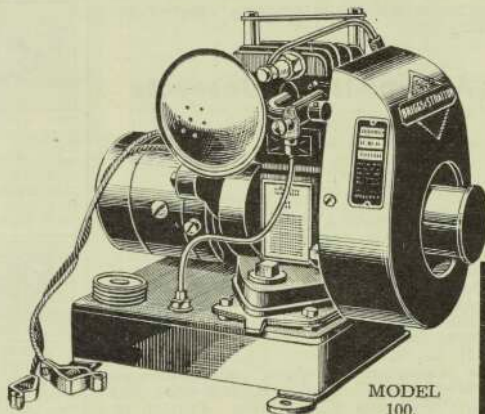
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Mr. A. E. T. Langford, who before he retired eight years ago was superintendent of the Pacific Cable Board, in which capacity he served at Norfolk Island and Fiji, died in Auckland at the end of June.

Mr. F. W. P. Roe, of Burns Philp (South Sea) Co., Ltd., late of New Hebrides and the Solomons, who has been relieving at the Co.'s Futuna Island branch, has been appointed manager there.

MEMBER OF YACHT'S CREW IN ACCIDENT

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, July 1.
A MEMBER of the crew of the American yacht "Vanora", Nicol Entrop, owned by Mrs. M. Hart, which was at the Trobriand Islands on a world cruise, was badly burned on June 27, while lighting a primus stove on deck. It appears that, not seeing the flame, he poured further methylated spirits or benzine into the receiver, with disastrous results.

Attempting to evade the explosion, Entrop jumped overboard, and further damage occurred when the crew hauled him on deck, his burns being lacerated on the ship's side.

Medical advice was immediately sought by radio, and also means for the patient's quick transport to Samarai. Guinea Airways Stinson seaplane was dispatched from Daru, and, arriving in Port Moresby on June 28, it left early the following morning for the Trobriands; and the patient was admitted to the Samarai hospital early that afternoon.

While waiting the arrival of the plane, the patient was attended by the sister of the Methodist Mission at Kiriwina, and every assistance was given to Mrs. Hart by the Resident Magistrate and others on the island.



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UNFORTUNATE ASPECTS OF NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM

Letter to the Editor.

I WAS interested in the letter on the New Hebrides in the March P.I.M., by "Onlooker". The translation of a passage from his letter appears in italics in the May number of the French New Hebrides monthly, the "Neo-Hebridais".

In it "Onlooker" says in effect that "we New Hebrideans follow very closely everything that happens in New Guinea, etc., etc.", and that if a consensus of opinion were taken he is certain that the majority of the more solid British planters and citizens would be very much opposed to Australia taking over Britain's share in the Condominium Administration; and, further, that if such a thing did come to pass they would put themselves under the French flag.

One could make a nasty retort to that; but there is no need.

Let "Onlooker" consider the following: Five years ago Burns, Philp and Co. formed a French Company in the New Hebrides, and all the trading de-

partment of its inter-island steamer is controlled by French employees. Every other British concern in the N.H. that has been able to afford it has also formed similar Companies on a smaller scale.

The number of the British planters and traders who remain in the Group you can count on your fingers and toes.

In the Condominium Service, out of eleven British posts, four are held by Frenchmen, some of them for several years. A neutral post also has been filled by a Frenchman for the past 15 years.

The British Residency officials now dress themselves in quasi-diplomatic uniforms of Gilbertian cut, spangled with Jubilee and Coronation medals, in a last effort to impress the French.

With Condominium salaries paid at 124 francs to the £, Customs duties at 180 fr. to the £ and certain Condominium allowances at 25 fr. to the £, and postage stamps at 150 francs to the £, and with British colonisation starved from birth, and now breathing its last through neglect, it is very doubtful that the Commonwealth would wish to take over such a muddle.

"Pandemonium" it has often been called, but this epithet is rather uncalled for as it casts a slur on the Condominium officials on both sides, who are doing their jobs manfully and under extreme difficulties.

The Condominium is the only Government Service in the world that has no pension or superannuation scheme. A Condominium officer can be retrenched at any old time, after years of service, and years in the tropics, and the Resident Commissioners can—if they like—refuse him his fare back to civilisation. The R.C.'s have fullest powers to grant or refuse anything. There are no "rights".

That British colonisation and enterprise have fallen to zero in the New Hebrides, when they have been an unqualified success in every corner of the globe, clearly shows that there is a nigger in the woodpile somewhere. Is it pure neglect and indifference on the part of the Home Government or policy? Or is it the failure on the part of the local British authorities to understand colonisation and colonists? I leave the questions for others to answer.

Certain it is, however, that whenever a British artisan or mechanic has attempted to ply his trade here, he has been treated like dirt, as something less than a kanaka, and he has had to get out. The whole system here has been mediaeval. The R.C. is absolute monarch and plots scandals and intrigues among the courtiers, etc.

In the New Hebrides there is a crying need for a couple of competent boot-makers, a couple of motor mechanics, and a couple of farriers. But I should hesitate to advise any Britisher to come here in any of those capacities, under the present regime.

"Onlooker's" and his friends' close watching of the Commonwealth Administration in New Guinea has not told them all. I often meet people who have spent many years there and they tell a different story. Muddles and mistakes there might have been, but through it all there has always been progress. Na-

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tives there are well controlled, and the District Officers sent out there by the Commonwealth Government are ex-University, with a high pass in anthropology, and they serve a cadetship when they get there.

Can it be said that natives are controlled in the New Hebrides?

N.H. natives are difficult to sign on, and are likely to flit at any moment. A houseboy has been known to clear out in the middle of a meal, just for no reason at all. And what can you do about it? There is no fixed scale of wages, and they just play fast and loose, and are paid wages that soon make them independent. In New Guinea there is a fixed scale of wages.

I feel sure that if Australia did take over Britain's part of the Condominium, it would be with the idea of fostering British colonisation here. The New Hebrides could do with more British people.

At no time in the history of the Condominium were the relations between British and French more cordial than they are at present. This is due largely to the present French Resident Commissioner, M. Casimir, who has just returned from leave, and his predecessor, who has just left us, M. Sautot.

Life, however, is very drab for the British in New Hebrides: (1) Because we are so few; (2) because we have no British schools here and the Britisher has to send his children away to school, therefore there is no home and family life such as the French enjoy. To-day, I read in the French monthly of the arrival at Vila of a new French schoolmaster and schoolmistress from France, to take up duty in the French Government School. The French School, as it was, brought its students to something a grade above kindergarten; but the new teachers will bring it up to something equivalent to Australian Q.C. standard.

At the present time the Condominium has a surplus of 2,000,000 francs (about £11,000 sterling) accumulated over two years, and doesn't know what to do with it—although there is much that could be done.

I do not care—and there are many like me—who takes or does not take Britain's share in the Condominium, but I do hope that something will be done in the near future to raise the ordinary Britisher's standard here.

I am, etc.,

INLOOKER.

Efate, 28/6/38.

HON. H. W. CHAMPION

HON. H. W. CHAMPION, C.M.G., Government Secretary in Papua, arrived in Sydney by the airliner at the end of June, to receive urgent medical attention. Early in July, after a slight operation, he went to stay with friends at Thirroul (South Coast of N.S.W.) and undergo a period of rest and special diet.

A wedding of interest took place in Brisbane recently, when Miss Evelyn Robertson, formerly Sister at the European Hospital, Port Moresby, and latterly Matron of the Samarai Hospital, Papua, was married to Mr. W. L. G. Gibson, of Port Moresby. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson will return in August to Port Moresby, where they will take up their residence.

"TIARE TAPORO"

Schooner's 4,400 Miles Voyage

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, June 23.

TWO weeks ago the "Tiare" sailed away on what will be an interesting three months' voyage.

Proceeding first to the island of Aitutaki, an old whaling station of last century, and one of the islands visited during the War by Count von Luckner, the "Tiare" will unload meat and flour. Her next port is Manihiki, an atoll in the Northern Cooks. It was from here that the Peruvian "black-birders" took many a cargo of poor humans to South America to work in the mines.

A two days' sail will bring her to Pen-

rhyn Island, famous for pearls. This atoll was first discovered by the "Lady Penrhyn" in 1789. This ship was one of the first fleet that had arrived in Botany Bay a year previously. Owing to a food shortage this ship was sent to New Zealand, where she failed to secure any supplies. She then proceeded to the South Sea Islands, and it was on this voyage that she discovered Mangarongaro, as the atoll was then called.

From Penrhyn the old "Tiare" will make for Tahiti, the "End of the Rainbow" for "sugar-daddies". Frederick O'Brien's nut-eating cranks, and "nature men".

After unloading her copra, the schooner will make a 1,200 miles run north to Christmas Is., where a French concession has workers making copra.

The "Tiare", after taking a load of copra to Tahiti, will sail for her home port in Rarotonga.



FIJI GOLD

Shipments From Loloma And Emperor

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, July 5.

SEVERAL large shipments of gold have been made from the Emperor and Loloma gold mines recently, that on June 23 being the largest to date. The figures are as follows:—

May 27, by "Niagara"—Total 6,623 oz. fine gold, of a value of £51,333, Fiji currency. This was divided among the two mines as follows:—Emperor—4,443 oz. bullion (equal to 3,932 oz. fine gold) and 288 oz. of silver; Loloma—3,236 oz. bullion (equal to 2,691 oz. fine gold) and 486 oz. silver.

June 23, by "Aorangi"—Total 6,749 oz. fine gold of a value of £53,415, Fiji currency. This was made up as follows:—Emperor—4,774 oz. bullion (equal to 4,177 oz. fine gold) and 443 oz. silver; Loloma—3,125 oz. bullion (equal to 2,572 oz. fine gold) and 516 oz. silver.

Miss E. M. Pateman, of the Ronorono Girls' School conducted by the London Missionary Society in the Gilbert Islands, arrived in Suva, Fiji, recently from Beru on board the L.M.S. schooner "John Williams V". She was on her way to England to spend furlough.



Gruesome decorations at the entrance of a primitive native dwelling in the British Solomon Islands.

B.P.'s Wau Manager on Furlough

From Our Own Correspondent.

WAU, July 1.

MR. L. J. PERICHON, manager of Burns, Philp and Co., Ltd., Wau, accompanied by Mrs. Perichon and their two children, sailed on the June

"Macdhui" for Sydney on three months' leave. Mr. Perichon, who is well-known throughout New Guinea, was compelled to take his furlough earlier than expected on account of health reasons.

Numerous farewells were arranged in Wau, and the couple will be missed both in the business and social life of the settlement.

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N.Z. Governor's Tour Postponed

Outbreak Of Measles At Rarotonga

From Our Own Correspondent.

AUCKLAND, July 8.
REPORTS of an outbreak of measles at Rarotonga, Cook Group, resulted in the postponement 24 hours before her scheduled time of departure of H.M.S. "Leander" which was to carry the Governor-General of New Zealand (Viscount Galway) and Lady Galway on their first official visit to Samoa, Niue, and the Cook Islands.

The postponement of the "Leander's" cruise, which is now unlikely to commence for at least four or five weeks, followed receipt of advice from the N.Z. Internal Affairs Department that two cases of measles had been reported in Rarotonga on July 2, and that a further 11 cases had since been reported. It was stated that all schools had been closed and that every effort was being made to prevent the infection from spreading to other islands in the group.

At present measles are prevalent in New Zealand and it is considered that the Rarotonga outbreak probably had its origin here, being carried by the "Matua". A grave view is taken of the epidemic owing to the fact that it is faced with so little resistance by natives, and for this reason every care has been taken to prevent the outbreak from spreading rapidly.

The outbreak of measles at Rarotonga also caused a slight alteration in the itinerary of the Union Company's "Maunganui" which left yesterday on the first Pacific cruise of the season with 250 tourists.

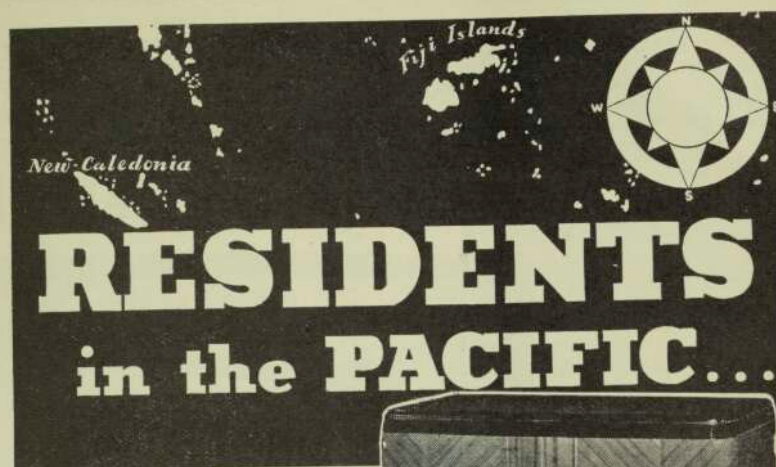
Passengers from the "Maunganui" will not be allowed to land at Rarotonga, and after discharging perishable cargo and mails there the ship will leave for Papeete. Calls will be made at Moorea and Bora Bora (French Oceania), Apia (Western Samoa), and Vavau and Nukualofa (Tonga).

Major C. B. Joske, O.B.E., M.C., who was one of Fiji's military representatives at the Coronation, returned to the Colony from America by the June "Aorangi".

Mr. and Mrs. Alport Barker, of Suva, left Fiji by the June "Niagara" on a short visit to Honolulu, Hawaii.

Hon. Dr. V. W. T. McGusty, Secretary for Indian Affairs in Fiji has been appointed Director of Medical Services in the Colony in succession to the Hon. Dr. A. H. B. Pearce.

Dr. D. W. Hoodless, Principal of the Central Medical School at Suva, has been provisionally appointed a nominated member of the Fiji Legislative Council.



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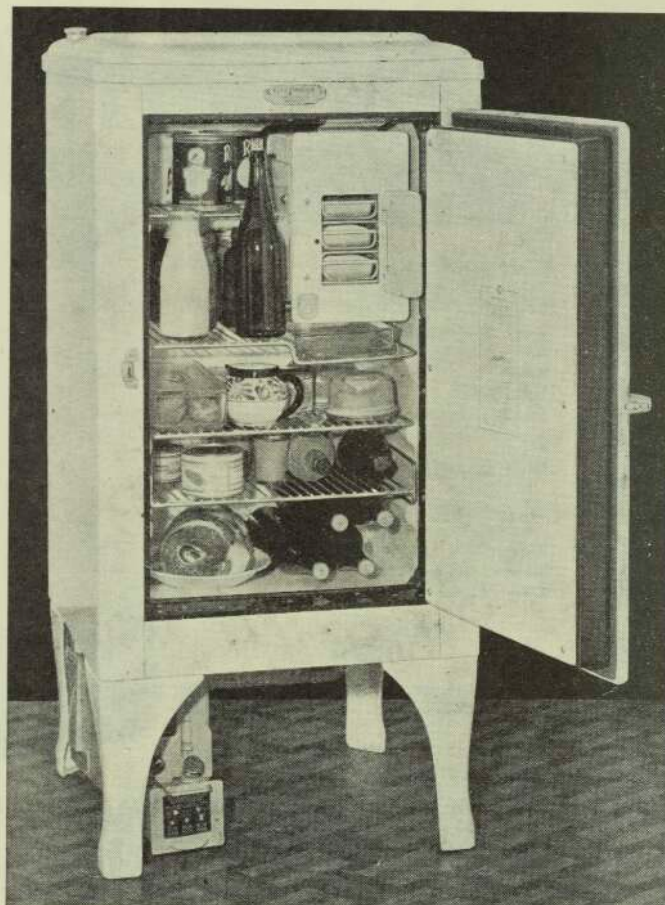
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EPIDEMIC IN SAMARAI

From Our Own Correspondent.

SAMARAI, June 25.

DYSENTERY, which has been prevalent here for some time past, now shows signs of abating, but during the epidemic a number of natives have died. Some of the Europeans caught the disease, also, and were isolated in the local hospital. Part of the island was in quarantine and, being a small place, residents were inconvenienced by the restriction, especially when the native hospital could have been shifted for the time being onto another island, not far away, and thus minimise the risk of infection. However, with good weather, the disease is gradually dying out.

Count von Luckner's yacht, "Seetenfel", sailed from Sydney to Cairns on July 5, on the next stage of her voyage around the world.

UNTIMELY DEATH

From Our Own Correspondent.

SAMARAI, June 25.

THERE was a tragic occurrence on June 18, when Miss E. Reeks, who arrived from England only by the last "Macdhui", died in the local hospital after a short illness. She was to have been married to the Rev. Mr. Taylor, of the Anglican Mission, at Wanigela, and was only 28 years of age. A large gathering of sympathetic residents attended the funeral. The service was conducted by the Bishop of New Guinea, the Right Rev. Phillip Worthington Strong.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Armstrong, of Namatanai, N.G., arrived in Australia in June on three months' leave.

Is Tonga Well Governed?

Letter to the Editor.

I HAVE read with interest the reports of interviews with people who have visited our Islands, but I am afraid they give their opinions regarding the government of the Kingdom, the way in which laws are administered, and how they are regarded by the natives in a thoughtless manner.

I have been in Tonga for many years, and I have no hesitation in stating that there is not one decent European in the Tonga Group who is dissatisfied with the present system of government. Neither have I heard complaints from anyone except a dismissed Government official, or some person anxious to procure a position for himself.

A recent visitor to Tonga seems to



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Tongans by Sir Basil Thompson in 1900 is not taken seriously by the natives. I fail to see in what more serious light they can be expected to look upon it, unless they make use of it in place of their Bible. There has been in existence a treaty between Great Britain and Tonga since 1879, and not once has there been any attempt to break through the same. I consider Great Britain should feel highly satisfied with the work done by Sir Basil Thompson, who has procured all that is required in the way of a coaling station, land for forts, etc., while Queen Salote and a population of about 30,000 not only watch over the Islands, but are ready and able to assist Great Britain in the defence of her Dominions against aggression. I consider this settlement quite sufficient, at the same time allowing a quiet and harmless people to live happy and content in their own way, on their own land and under their own much-beloved flag.

I am, etc.,

F. T. GOEDICKE.

Haapai, Tonga,
March 30, 1938.

SEAPLANE AS AMBULANCE

From Our Own Correspondent.

PT. MORESBY, June 20.

ON June 2, news was received by tele-radio of an accident to a member of the staff of Island Explorations Co. at the camp on the Fly River, in Western Papua. The message stated that the Co.'s surveyor, Mr. J. M. Davidson, had broken his leg.

Guinea Airways Stinson seaplane, under Pilot Koch, which had flown to Daru the previous day from Port Moresby, left immediately for the camp with Dr. Jenkins, of Papua Oil Development Co., accompanied by Mr. N. Osborne, of Island Explorations. The same day the patient received medical attention.

The next day Mr. Davidson was flown to Daru and later, to Port Moresby, where he was admitted to the European Hospital and is now progressing favourably.

This is another instance of the advantages of air communication in the more remote regions of the Territory.

GOLD IN EAST PAPUA

Three Mines Operating On Misima Island

THERE are now three gold mines in operation on Misima Island, Eastern Papua—namely, Cuthbert's Misima, which is a famous money-spinner; Gold Mines of Papua, from which great things were expected, but which has proved disappointing, since it came into production a few months ago; and Quartz Mountain Ltd., a New Zealand-owned concern, which now is in the developmental stage.

On these three mines—all apparently on the same line of reef—about 150 Europeans and 800 to 1,000 native labourers are employed.

There appears to be a great deal of gold in Misima. One man, supported by a small syndicate, is putting a two-stamper on to a lease at Ara Creek, about three miles from the main mines; and another man is making plans to open up another reef, on Ara Creek.

There has been acute labour trouble at Misima recently. A good many native labourers died from epidemic diseases, including dysentery; and the other labourers became frightened, and refused to work, trying to leave the island. The situation was critical, for a while; but Government and mine officials handled it energetically and tactfully, and it seems to be normal now. Strong measures have been taken to wipe out disease.

Shareholders in Gold Mines of Papua have been disappointed with returns to date. It is said that unexpected trouble was encountered at the mine when it was found that the ore—just as rich in gold as was expected—carried an extraordinary percentage of copper, and this very seriously dislocated treatment plant and plans. It is hoped that a readjustment of both, to meet the new conditions, will bring the enterprise into the field of profit-making.

Gold is being won regularly in a couple of small mines in the Milne Bay district; while, over on Sudest Island, Mr. Harry Morley, with a couple of dozen labourers, is slowly developing what may prove to be a valuable reef. Up to date, he has put in two tunnels and three shafts.

TWO FIRES AT LAUTOKA

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, July 5.

TWO serious fires occurred recently in Lautoka.

The first was on May 27, when the house of the manager of the local branch of the Bank of New South Wales, Mr. M. L. Woodyat, was totally destroyed. Mr. and Mrs. Woodyat lost all their belongings. The scene of the fire was too far from the nearest hydrant for the hose in the possession of the recently-organised volunteer fire brigade to be of any use.

The second fire was on June 18, when the offices of the District Court were totally destroyed. In this case a good save of the main building was made by the brigade. Many important records which are kept in the Court office were lost.

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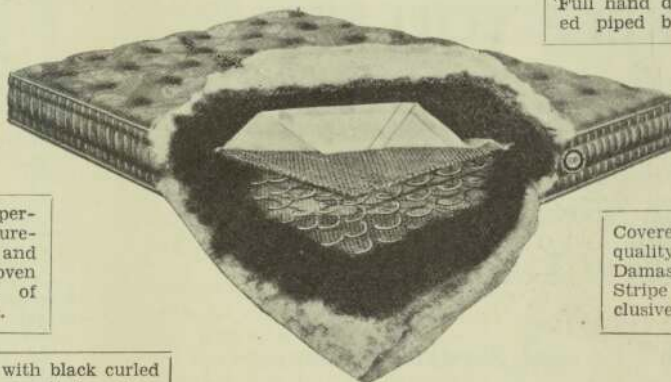
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NEW GUINEA MINER KILLED

JAMES FRANCIS, 26, a miner, was fatally injured on New Guinea Goldfields, Eddie Creek No. 4 shaft, at the 400 ft. level, on June 25. A cut exploded before all the charges were lit. He died at Wau Hospital on June 26.

Mr. V. L. Dearman, who is connected with the Colonial Sugar Refining Co., at Rarawai, Fiji, sailed from Sydney for the Colony by the June "Niagara" after leave in Australia.

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NEW VOLCANO IN NEW HEBRIDES

Party's Startling Experience On Mt. Lopevi

THE peace and tranquility that brood over the islands of Epi, Paama and Ambrym were rudely shattered on March 6 last by an earthquake shock which caused the houses to rock and reel in an alarming fashion.

No sooner had the tremor subsided than the residents were astounded to discover that the earthquake had set in action a new volcano in Ambrym, thus raising the number of this strange fraternity of undesirable neighbours to three in the central islands.

The Admiralty Chart shows two volcanoes, Mount Benbow and Mount Marum, rising from the ash plain of Ambrym, within a few miles of each other. For the past 45 years, Mount Benbow has alternately fascinated and alarmed the residents of Ambrym and the surrounding isles by intermittent eruptions,

but Mount Marum has remained uniformly dormant and quiescent.

But its behaviour has not always been above reproach. The records of British naval officers show that it was last in eruption 50 years ago, when it wiped out several villages on the north side of the island. Now, after the sleep of half a century, the earthquake has effectively resuscitated the monster and endowed it with a new lease of life.

For three successive days, the two volcanoes, without being unduly violent, erupted in a spectacular fashion and presented a truly picturesque and phenomenal sight. Pillars of smoke, in curious, cerebiform masses, issued from the two craters and ascended in straight parallel columns to a stupendous height, and then spread out in all directions like gigantic parachutes. Gleaming in the sunlight, or glowing in the darkness with a weird, incandescent light, the two volcanoes were a unique and matchless spectacle, the like of which would be difficult to find anywhere in the world.

But, so long as the two resplendent actors deport themselves with restraint and moderation, the spectators on Ambrym and surrounding isles will raise no objection to their presence and dramatic performances. There will be no necessity for residents to go beyond the verandahs of their dwelling houses when they wish to take visitors to the pictures!

In the neighbourhood of Ambrym is the island of Lopevi, with its volcanic cone rising sheer out of the sea, to a height of 5,000 feet. Though 12 miles in circumference, the island has no harbour or anchorage, and none of the inter-island steamers can make it a port of call. Consequently, it is seldom visited by travellers from overseas.

But it lies in the track of steamers cruising through the Group, and from their decks tourists obtain a good view of the striking landmark. Should fortune favour them with the volcano in violent eruption, as it did Martin Johnson, the movie-picture expert from Los Angeles, they are rewarded with the unique spectacle of a dense white cloud rising from the crater and ascending in spiral columns to a wondrous height.

At present, there is consternation among the natives of Lopevi because the volcano, after bursting out intermittently in pyrotechnic displays for nearly half a century, has suddenly closed down. The natives, primitive though they are, have sufficient knowledge of mechanics to understand that the closing of a safety valve is as dangerous in a volcano as in a steam engine.

Accompanied by a large number of natives, Mr. W. H. Grube, an island merchant, climbed to the summit and was struck dumb with chagrin and bewilderment at the sight which confronted them. Expecting to peep into the bottomless pit of Dante's Inferno, the exploring party found neither crater nor volcano, and not even the slightest indication that a volcano had ever existed.

On the last occasion when a party of explorers ascended the mountain, the volcano was in violent eruption. From time immemorial, when the volcano was in action, the inhabitants of Lopevi have imagined that the fire-god who dwelt

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within the crater was angry with them, and accordingly, a large party, carrying bunches of drinking coconuts, accompanied the European climbers to the summit in order to throw in the nuts as an oblation to appease the wrath of Vulcan.

The ascent, difficult enough at any time, was made still more difficult by volcanic outbursts, but on reaching the summit they were rewarded with the thrill of their lives. From a vent about a quarter of a mile in diameter, and over a mile in depth, explosions were taking place every few minutes, accompanied by a roar of batteries of artillery. Masses of molten lava were shot hundreds of feet into the air and, bursting into innumerable stars, fell back into the cauldron from which they had been ejected.

To-day, the summit is a bare, gaunt, silent mountain peak, covered with volcanic ash, over which Mr. Grube and his party wandered without let or hindrance, and around which the sea-birds are ever hovering.

When the climbers descended with the news that the volcano had closed down, the report struck terror into the hearts of the natives who inhabit the villages nestling in sheltered positions at the base of the mountain. The old people have still a grim recollection that the volcano closed down before the last big eruption in 1898, when it exploded with a convulsive outburst, obliterating one of the villages and placing the lives of the whole population in jeopardy.

The natives are afraid of a repetition of the disastrous occurrence and are in a state of alarm and apprehension.—M.F.

FROM NEW CALEDONIA

Into the shop of old Ah Fat
A stranger in a tall grey hat
Stepped with a manner debonair,
Bowed to the corners everywhere,
Gazed to the ceiling to invoke
A blessing—ere he turned and spoke:

"Cher compatriot 'ave you got
Ze chou-fleur an' ze jeune carotte?
Je vous demand ze pomme-de-terre,
Lentils francais et ordinaire—
Tout ce que c'est la vegetables
Dis moi compatriot, s'il vous!
Qu'est-ce que c'est que je payerai?"

Then in the shop of old Ah Fat
Silence fell, while the Chinese cat,
With back arched high and all claws
bared
In dumb amazement grinned and glared.

With a deep sigh, Ah Fat arose;
Settled his glasses on his nose;
Peered at the stranger, at a loss,
Mutter'd a something to his joss,
Then, with indignant shrugs began:--
"Whaffor? No spik Ostlalian?
Me born in Sydney—Oxfor'—stlee
Sharbee goo' Inglis—NO CHINEE!"

—A. J. C.

Mrs. H. Emmett Shiel, of Dunedin, N.Z., who has been the guest of her brothers, Mr. Raymond Parer, of Wau, and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Parer, of Wewak, N.G., passed through Sydney in June en route to her home in N.Z.



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MURDER MIXED WITH SORCERY

Remarkable Case In Papua

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, June 25.

ON June 8, we were startled by the news that Head Warder Ume, together with his wife and 11-years-old daughter, had been found murdered on the premises of the Port Moresby gaol.

An unusual feature of the crime was that the victims had been killed by having their throats cut. Not only is this a method that has hitherto been quite unknown among natives in Papua, but the wounds were such as to suggest some knowledge of the process, by their width and depth, and by the fact that the jugular veins were severed in each case.

Very early in the police investigations a prisoner, Karo, came forward voluntarily and made a statement.

Karo was deeply implicated in the murder of a native constable many years ago, and was given a long term of imprisonment. After completing his term he was released and, although his home is in the Gulf Division, he took up his residence near Hula, fifty miles to the east of Port Moresby. While there he carried out, towards the end of 1935, a burglary of the Government office at Rigo, removing the safe from the office, and abstracting from it £150 in notes and silver. He was convicted and sentenced to ten years' hard labour. He pretended blindness, and wore dark glasses; and on this account he was exempt from outside work and confined always to the gaol.

In his statement to the police, Karo confessed to having committed the murders, but pleaded that he was forced into the crime by Koabo, a fellow prisoner, who has a reputation as a sorcerer. Koabo was at one time a Court interpreter, but gave up the position. He was in 1931 convicted of the murder of four natives from the mountains, who had come down to his village in the Mekeo district on a trading expedition. He was sentenced to death. The sentence was ratified by the Executive Council in Papua, but was commuted to life imprisonment by the Australian Governor-General on the advice of his then Labour Cabinet.

Karo, in his statement, said that he had borrowed money from the dead man, Ume, who, on his refusal to repay it, threatened to report him to the head gaoler. Karo represented to Ume that he could get money from spirits; and, on several occasions, he induced Ume to permit himself to be tied hand and foot, as part of the necessary ceremony. It is hardly necessary to state that the experiments did not succeed.

Karo then consulted Koabo; and Koabo enlisted the aid of his relatives in the Mekeo district, where sorcery is particularly rife. They supplied him with poison. Koabo tried the poison on another prisoner, but it failed.

"First time", Koabo explained to Karo, "I think this muru-muru strong. I try him 'nother prisoner. S'pose he die, I try him Ume. S'pose Ume die, I try him Governor. But no good. More better we try 'nother way'."

By this time, Koabo had gained strong influence over Karo, and induced him to steal Ume's knife, which Koabo sharpened with a file stolen from the gaol store. Karo states that he was unwilling to kill, but that Koabo urged

him with threats and ridicule until his head "went round".

At last, Koabo's people came on a visit from Yule Island. They were credited with sorcerous skill, and Koabo seized the opportunity. Karo yielded to his persuasions, and that night induced Ume to assist in yet another effort to get money from the spirits. At midnight, Ume let Karo out of his cell, called his own wife and daughter, and himself carried his own small suit-case, containing a length of rope, towards the European gaol.

The European gaol which is very seldom used or visited is on a small island connected to the mainland by a built-up causeway a couple of hundred yards long. Half-way up the hill, on the island, is the observation ward. When this was reached, Karo told the wife and daughter to wait there while he and Ume went on to the summit.

On reaching the European gaol Ume, accustomed by previous trials, was induced to lie on his back beneath the verandah steps. He closed his eyes, and Karo tied his legs together, and his hands to the steps. Then having his victim quite helpless, he cut his throat, held him until he was quite dead and went down to the wife and daughter.

The woman and girl were together, inside the observation ward. Karo called the woman into the kitchen, on the pretext of telling her something of importance. For a minute or two he talked to her in the darkness, then seized her by the hair, and cut her throat.

He then went in to the young girl. He seems to have hesitated over her, for she was a general favourite with warders and prisoners. But, as he stated, the voice of Koabo came to him and he dared not fail. He swiftly cut the throat of the sleeping girl, locking himself in



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with the key that Ume had left, and throwing the key out through an aperture in the wall.

The two men were brought before the Magistrate on June 20 and charged with murder; Karo as having actually done the deed, and Koabo as an accessory before the fact.

The hearing is still proceeding. A warder named Iaba is also implicated, as an accessory, and has turned King's evidence. At the present stage of the proceedings there seems little doubt that both the accused will be committed for trial in the Central Court.

Koabo is conducting his case in a remarkably able manner, showing astuteness and sagacity, especially in cross-examining the head gaoler Mr. G. A. Gough. He speaks perfect English, was a Court interpreter at Kairuku Government station for many years and also was an able Government clerk. His object, of course, is to get the case thrown out, and not tried before the Central Court, and he is putting up a strong battle. He has a good knowledge of Court procedure.

LATER: The two accused were committed for trial.

There has been much comment on the fact that one of the accused was originally condemned to death for murder; that he was sent for life imprisonment instead by a Cabinet in Canberra that knows nothing about Islands conditions; and that it was freely predicted at the time that this was a dangerous man, who might commit another crime.

NEWS BROADCAST IN NEW HEBRIDES

FRENCH residents in the New Hebrides have long had the advantage of a daily broadcast from Norsup, Malekula, giving local news, copra prices and movements of steamers.

Mr. Harvey is now broadcasting a similar programme in English from his station at Bonkovia and thus has conferred a signal benefit upon all British listeners-in.

NORFOLK IS. SERVICE

Connection With Auckland and N.Z. Proposed

A PRIVATE syndicate, some of the members of which are in Sydney and some in Auckland, proposes to purchase the old New Zealand lighthouse steamer, "Hinemoa", and to establish a passenger and cargo service between New Zealand and Norfolk Island, probably also extending to Noumea.

The "Hinemoa", a steamer of 559 tons, has been more than 60 years in service. She was built at Greenock in 1876.

Norfolk Island is dependent wholly upon the Burns Philp steamer "Morinda", running between Sydney and the New Hebrides, for communication with the outside world. There should be a good market in New Zealand and in New Caledonia for the fruit and vegetable products of Norfolk Island.

The development probably is the result of the very energetic work that is being done by Norfolk Island's new administrator, Sir Charles Rosenthal.

SONG OF THE NEW GUINEA MINER

Rafting over rivers, paddling through the creek.

What is it you look for; what is it you seek?

Often tired and weary, often sick at heart—

But eager every morning to make another start.

What's it drives you on, Dad? Look, you're old and grey;

Is there no such thing for you as "calling it a day"?

You may be quite young, lad, or whether you're old—

Once you're under the spell of that

bright beauty Gold,

You serve her for life.

The wife that you love, the home that you made,

She lures you from them, the hard jealous jade.

She promises Heaven! One taste of her lips,

And the jade knows you'll never be happy with sips.

But to drink full and plenty you always will try,

Until the time comes when you lie down to die.

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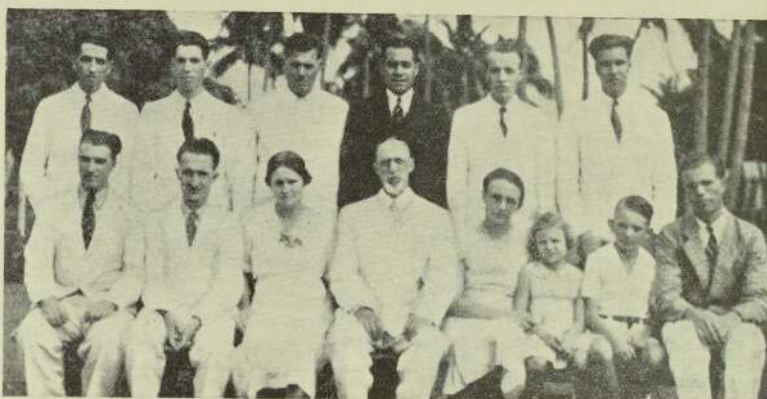
"WE shall never forget them or their many acts of kindness", says Mr. George Dromgold, author of "Two Lugs on a Lugger", in a letter from California, referring to numerous friends in Papua. "Our dear old Mel Ward, fearless and lovable stalker of night-prowling crabs, is at present away on a five-months' cruise on 'H.M.A.S. Moresby', as guest of the Australian Government. He will have an excellent opportunity to study and collect in West Australian waters".

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L.D.S. MISSIONARIES IN TONGA



Group of Mormon Missionaries (or Church of Latter Day Saints) in Tonga. A gathering took place in Nukualofa, at the Telekava Chapel, early in June, to welcome Apostle George Albert Smith, a visitor from America.

Captain and Mrs. F. A. Williams returned to Suva, Fiji, from Sydney by the June "Niagara", after three months in Victoria and N.S.W.

FREE CHURCH VERSUS WESLEYANS

Argument Over A Tongan College

From Our Own Correspondent

NUKUALOFA, June 2.

FORTY-EIGHT students, brave and true, from the Government College, have pledged their loyal service to uphold, without fear or favour, the arms and might of the British Empire in case of a conflict with some foreign foe. The pledge was in a letter to His Britannic Majesty King George VI., recently presented to the British Agent and Consul, for conveyance to the King.

Unfortunately, the outspoken declaration was not put through the proper channel, and the lads soon found themselves in the presence of Queen Salote, to whom the British Consul had rightly referred the "pledge". Any illusions the fearless forty-eight might have had were soon dispelled by the sound, practical address Queen Salote gave them.

As a matter of fact, this outburst was nothing more than a kind of protest by the students against the proposal to move the Government College from Nukualofa to a site out in the country, which will be raised for discussion at the coming session of Parliament.

The question touches a vital spot in the life of the Tongan people—the ancient rivalry between the Wesleyans and the Free Church people. This was kindled during the notorious Baker regime and has been fanned by succeeding generations, until it has become a blaze which affects the vitality of the life of the tiny kingdom, and retards progress.

The Free Church people, who regard the Government College as their own, strongly oppose its proposed removal, for they believe that the Wesleyans are manoeuvring for the abolition of the College.

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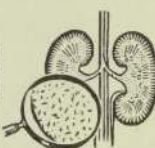
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W. M. Middleton, Kar Kar Island.
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Catholic Mission of the Holy Ghost, Alexishafen.
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Catholic Mission of the Holy Ghost, Keroguwahgi.

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Lutheran Mission, Kerowahgi.
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MRS. CORA MAXWELL of Honolulu believes she is the only white woman who lives by diving for coral and selling it to tourists. Do "P.I.M." readers know of any rival for the unusual claim?

There is not much "overhead" in the work, but there is plenty of hard work, especially for a woman. All that Mrs. Maxwell wears on the job are rubber shoes, diving goggles, gloves and a brief two-piece swim suit. Dislodging the coral, Mrs. Maxwell wields a geological pick. She collects a wide range of corals; lace, brain, mushroom, branch and plate all fall before her sturdy arms.

Of her work Mrs. Maxwell says: "It's hard, but it's a living. I came here from the U.S. mainland, three years ago, and I had to support three daughters. Tourists fall for coral souvenirs. I really love the work now. I enjoy observing the marine life; the beauty and brilliance of the reef fishes. Now and again an eel nips me.

"Diving work like mine is fine for hip-conscious women. I can recommend it for slimming, and the exercise keeps me full of pep. Lots of my customers won't believe I am a grandmother!"

Mr. and Mrs. H. Peterson arrived at Suva, Fiji, by the June "Niagara" from Sydney. Mr. Peterson is merchandise manager of Burns, Philp & Co., at Lautoka.

"MONOPOLIES" IN N. GUINEA

Grave Statement By Local Newspaper

A STATEMENT which should not be allowed to pass without notice was made by the "Rabaul Times" in an editorial on June 24.

A resident of New Guinea, domiciled there since 1921, and a returned soldier, writing in an Australian newspaper, said that British residents in New Guinea would not object to the territory being returned to Germany, "as they might get better treatment under the German flag than under the Australian Mandate".

The "Rabaul Times" seeks the cause of dissatisfaction, and concludes:—

"To many interested parties the answer may be quite clear, owing to the monopolistic tendencies of the local firms, and the apparent support — through negative action — which they are receiving from the mandatory power. There was a time when the New Guinea planter had the advantage of a local moratorium ordinance; this, however, was tossed aside a few years ago, and at the present time no protection is offered to the man on the land when prices of produce decline.

"The German policy was, apparently, to induce the private individual to take up land and develop the Territory to the best advantage. Can we conscientiously say that the policy of the present Government is to foster that same principle?"

The newspaper refers to the acute labour troubles in the Territory (dealt with in the June issue of the P.I.M.), and says:—

"We can only think that the reason the New Guinea resident makes such a suggestion is that he is thoroughly dissatisfied with local conditions under which he is forced to live; that the exploitation he is subjected to, and the lack of support he receives from Government sources to alleviate the position is so small, that he considers any change would be better than present conditions."

EDITORIAL NOTE. — That virtual monopolies do exist in New Guinea is beyond doubt. Individuals with limited capital have little chance of trading in competition with big concerns which control transport, and get the benefits of mass buying. But the position is no worse in New Guinea than it is in Australia and other countries, where trusts and monopolies now control almost every kind of commercial activity, and dictate their own terms. This will be known to future historians as "the Era of Money Power". No one can foretell how and when it will end. It is an evil—but it at least has this good quality, that it makes for financial stability. The Depression would have completely destroyed all worth-while assets in the Islands, if it had not been for the financial strength of the big firms.

Captain Gray, T.I. harbor master, has been transferred to Bundaberg, Queensland. Captain F. Melton, of Mackay, Q., has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Roberts, of Salamaua, N.G., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a second son. Mr. Roberts is manager of B.P.'s Salamaua branch.

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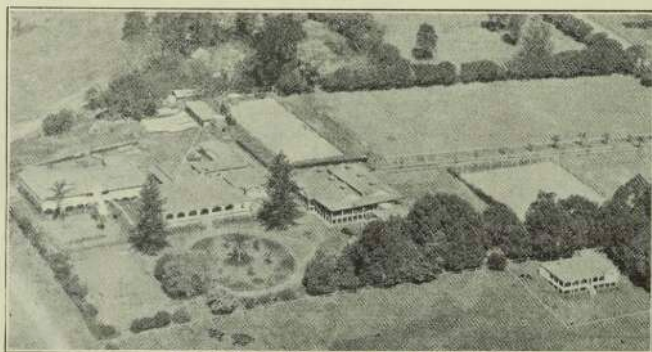
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JACK HIDES

Some Personal Memories Of A Remarkable Man

BY R. W. ROBSON

ONE evening, at a kind of "conversazione" in Sydney, I directed a friend's attention to a young man who sat rather awkwardly in a big chair. He balanced a cup of tea in one hand, a piece of cake in the other, his toes were drawn up under him in a correct position, he gazed wide-eyed and respectfully attentive into the face of a chattering matron, and his voice was soft and gentle. He was tall, thin, pale, and very well-groomed.

"What do you think of him?" I asked my friend.

"Oh, pretty boy!" he said. "Quite a darling! Who is he?"

"Jack Hides", I replied.

My friend gaped, and gobbled, and then went furiously into reverse. He said he could see great character in the lean jaw and the broad forehead. We had been discussing Hides only an hour earlier, and he, like thousands of others, had expressed outspoken admiration of Hides's



THE LATE MR. JACK HIDES.

courage, tenacity and endurance in bringing David Lyall out of the centre of New Guinea in August, 1937, through the mountains and the limestone gorges, down the Strickland, to Daru. He had expected to see a big, grim, husky fellow; and, like most people, was surprised to meet a slim, gentle and somewhat dandified youth, and be told that this was the famous patrol-leader.

I MET Hides first in 1933, just after he had done some very notable work in Central Papua—he went right into the mountain strongholds of raiding tribes, seized and handcuffed the chiefs, and marched them out again—and I persuaded him to add the story of those exploits to some other writing he had done.

He then was extremely eager to undertake exploring work in the interior of Central Papua, still quite unknown, and

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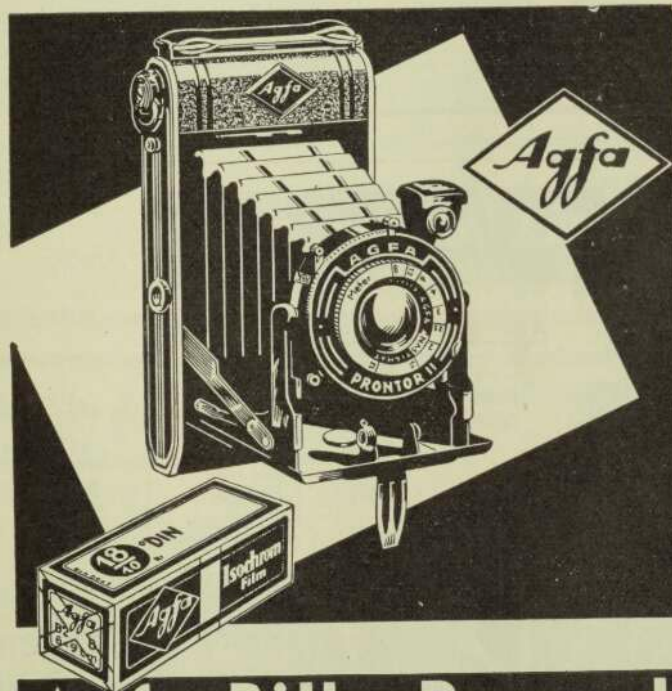
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he got his chance in 1934. Sir Hubert Murray sent Hides and O'Malley, with a detachment of native police, to see what kind of country lay beyond the Limestone Barrier, around the headwaters of the Kikori and Purari. They were ab-

sent for many months.

Meanwhile, I edited Jack's manuscript, and sent the lot, in December, 1934, to London. Blackie accepted it immediately; and when Hides eventually came out of the unknown, onto the Kikori River, he was greeted with a copy of his first book, "Through Wildest Papua", already selling well.

That successful Hides-O'Malley patrol, which discovered the Tarafuroro and Wagafurari Valley systems, thickly populated, somehow gripped the public imagination, and Hides was lionised in Australia in an extraordinary fashion. He developed his gift for writing, and quickly sold innumerable newspaper articles and another book, "Papuan Wonderland".

But his journalistic activity embarrassed the Federal Ministers and Papuan administrators, who all were his good friends. Obviously, the material which he had gathered on a Government patrol was the property of the Government, and should be published only with the consent of the Government. Some newspapers paid Hides for exclusive articles and photos; and other newspapers howled to Canberra, protesting that they were entitled to share in material made available by the Government.

High officials acted quite properly in telling Hides that, in these things, he must display greater discretion; but Jack was convinced that jealousy had dictated these restrictions, and he believed he was being persecuted. Friction developed, and eventually he left the Papuan service, about the middle of 1936.

THIS was a foolish move. Hides was a "Murray man", by training, temperament and conviction. His regard for Sir Herbert Murray ran through admiration and veneration, almost to worship. His future as an administrative officer, with a unique knowledge of natives and native psychology, was assured. However, in characteristic fashion, he went his own way.

A group of prominent Sydney men, who admired his courage, character and achievements, formed Investors Ltd. for him; and, as the field officer of that company, Jack went back to Papua, with David Lyall, about September, 1936, to lead a very well equipped expedition on a search for a new goldfield. There seemed to be a good deal of muddling and waste, and some leading men in Investors Ltd. got tired of it; but one of the biggest shareholders, Mr. J. R. McGregor, stood staunchly behind young Hides, and insisted that he get his chance to find a goldfield.

Eventually, the expedition reached the Upper Strickland; and, from there, by radio, both Hides and Lyall reported the existence of rich alluvial gold—apparently, an ideal dredging area, as the flats were accessible to water transport, via the Fly and Strickland Rivers. Because I knew the country and the conditions, I was asked by Investors Ltd. to go to Port Moresby, and assist them in getting title to the gold-bearing area. I did this in April, 1937, and dredging claims over about 100 square miles eventually were granted.

Hides and Lyall were brought to Port Moresby in a Guinea Airways seaplane. We made all arrangements with Hides by radio; Pilot Aubrey Koch flew out into the unmapped region; located Hides's camp by his smoke signals; and "landed" on a quiet stretch of river that had been cleared of snags and flagged.

I spent four days with Hides and Lyall in Port Moresby. They were thin, and bronzed, and had grown big dark beards. They were merry, lovable fellows; and the rafters of the old Hotel Papua rang to mad and joyful sounds as they made wassail, to celebrate their brief escape from the loneliness of the distant jungle.

I saw them off in the dawn; and this photograph I took, just before they went

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Hides and Lyall, just before leaving Port Moresby on their last expedition.

out to the seaplane, represents the last time they were ever seen together in civilisation. It is typical of both of them. You see David Lyall, quiet and slow-smiling; and the real Hides, careless and irresponsible and ready to put his tongue in a laughing cheek when the conventional world became censorious. He has his hands behind his back in this picture, because, in his hand, he held a bottle of beer—his farewell drink in civilisation. "Put that bottle out of sight, Jack", I said. "This photograph may be published, some day, and we mustn't do anything to prevent our brave little explorers from getting the O.B.E.!" You almost can see, from the expressions in the photograph, what they were saying about the O.B.E. And, now, they both are dead. I find it hard to believe.

BOTH men were convinced that they had found a valuable goldfield. Jack Hides was living—as he was, so often—on top of the world. His plans for the next five years embraced everything that money could buy—a yacht, a wonderful car for his wife, luxury for his well-loved mother, a world tour. I heard him offer highly-paid jobs in the coming new gold-development company to two of his old comrades of the Papuan service. Port Moresby joined in his parties, laughed at his imaginativeness, and loved him none the less. They all knew "Johnny". They might be suspicious of the gold-seeker; but they all liked and respected the real Hides, great bushman and courageous patrol-leader.

Personally, I had little faith in their new goldfield. Fossickers have done well, in places, on the southern slopes of the New Guinea ranges (which is Papua), but, although fortunes have been spent in search, there still is nothing to justify big-scale operations. Geologically, the structure and history of Papua are all against a goldfield on the Strickland. One can find astonishing "colours" of gold almost anywhere in Papua—sufficient to deceive an inexperienced prospector like Hides.

The report I gave to Investors Ltd. set out these things, and was emphatic in its warning against optimism. I was impressed, however, with the earnestness of Lyall, an experienced miner; and I was glad that Investors Ltd. lost no time in despatching a drilling plant to investigate the Strickland area. The report of the driller was unequivocal: the dredging claims, obtained and investigated at such heavy cost, were absolutely worthless. This was a disaster for Investors Ltd., because it showed that they must check up very carefully on any further reports of discoveries by their field party.

BUT, in the meantime, disaster had come upon the field party. It is only a few months since, in this journal, we described how Hides and Lyall pushed on up the Strickland, over the limestone barrier, over the central mountains, and into the unmapped centre; how Lyall became dangerously ill of dysentery; how Hides's radio broke down at the critical moment, and we could not get data to guide an aeroplane in to the rescue; how Hides with his helpless companion, turned about and raced for the Papuan coast, a four-weeks' journey through terrible country; how the whole party was suddenly attacked by a mysterious disease, with beriberi characteristics; how, under Hides's guidance, they escaped from peril in the mountain gorges, only to be overwhelmed by a tidal bore in the Fly River; and how, starving and wretched, they eventually were found drifting on a raft on the lower Fly by a P.O.D. launch, on September 16, and taken to Daru.

I believe that Jack Hides's achievement, in bringing Lyall out of the centre of New Guinea, in such circumstances, will go down as one of the finest feats in the history of that country.

Unhappily, that great effort was in vain. Lyall died at Daru on September 17, 1937.

Hides, also suffering from the beriberi sickness, and gravely shocked by Lyall's death, came to Sydney via Thursday Island, in October, a physical and nervous wreck. He spent months in the Blue Mountains, and in Sydney hospitals, but he never really recovered. Early in June, he was actively making

preparations to go to America, on a lecturing tour. About June 11 he became ill; and on June 19, before his friends knew even that he was in danger, he was dead, of pneumonia. Actually, like Lyall (whose heart collapsed) he was killed by the poisonous disease contracted in Central New Guinea, which lowered his resistance.

Jack Hides's third book, "Savages in Serge", written since his return from the Strickland, was published a few days before his death. He was unconscious on June 18, and unable to read the long and flattering reviews in the newspapers. His two earlier books ("Through

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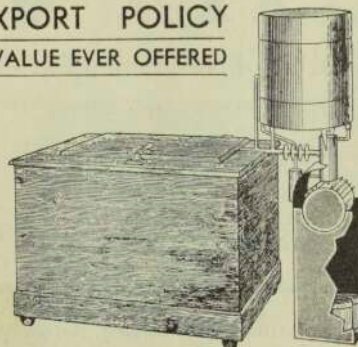
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Wildest Papua", 1935; and "Papuan Wonderland", 1936) are still selling well, throughout the Anglo-American world.

THE sudden death and funeral of young Hides (he was accorded a Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral) were "front page news" in Sydney. Somehow, he had captured the imagination of young Australia—he was a combination of national hero and legendary figure.

He told me only recently of how he took a taxi home one night, and then discovered that he had no money. The driver, grim and suspicious, demanded his name. When he replied, "Jack Hides", the driver wanted to fight him, as an impudent cheat. But when he discovered that the thin young man in evening dress really was the famous explorer, the driver insisted on cancelling the bill. He said he was honoured that Jack Hides had ridden in his car.

I never saw Jack in action; but they say that he was a doughty fist-fighter, and rather welcomed an all-in bout. One of his last encounters was in Samarai or Salamaua, in 1936, when he felt called upon to deal with a gentleman who had spoken slightly of Sir Hubert Murray. The battle was exceedingly bloody; but I gathered, afterwards, from a reticent but satisfied Jack, that right had triumphed. It is said, also, that when Errol Flynn, the film star, was growing

tobacco in Papua, he and Jack Hides had a magnificent fight and that Jack, under superior technique, bit the dust. But I do not think that Hides and Flynn ever met. By the way, has anyone noticed the remarkable facial resemblance between the two men?

Jack Hides had some maddening qualities. He was a most irresponsible lad, and he never could keep an appointment. But he was without guile—he had the childlike simplicity of mind of the natives, whom he understood so well—and all the adulation he received in Australia in 1935-36 had no effect whatever upon the size of his head.

Papua always will remember Jack Hides as one of the most distinguished of her sons (he was born there in 1906)—a superb bushman, a courageous and very successful patrol-leader, an accomplished writer, and a charming and attractive young man. The sympathy of all Europeans in Papua will be extended to his mother (one of Papua's pioneers) and to his young wife and child. News of his death will be received with dismay by the natives, who knew him so well and esteemed him so greatly.

Touching Tribute by Sir Hubert Murray

THE Lieut.-Governor of Papua (Sir Hubert Murray) kindly acceded to our invitation, and supplied the following tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Hides:—

"It is hard to believe that Jack Hides is dead, especially for us Papuans, who have known him since he was a small boy playing on Ela beach.

"It is hard to believe that one who was to us the personification of youthful strength and vigour should succumb so soon to death, and that the quick and eager brain should be stayed and stilled for ever.

"What he might have done if he had been granted another twenty years of life is difficult to imagine; his natural gifts, both physical and intellectual were such as to enable him to achieve almost any object at which he aimed. But for us, who knew him so well through his short and brilliant life, the loss is not so much that of the man who might have won for himself fame and high distinction if he had lived; our regret is rather for the boy and the man whom we knew so well, and admired and loved so much.

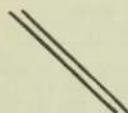
"May he rest in peace, and may the example of what he did serve as an incentive to many more young Australians to follow in his footsteps".

NOTABLE SWIMMER AT 16

THE following was published in the "Papuan Courier" on April 11, 1924—showing that, even at 16, Jack Hides was making a name for himself:—

In the 220 yds. Breast Stroke Handicap of Queensland, held at the Railway Institute Carnival in Brisbane last month, Mr. Jack Hides, of West End, is stated to have given a wonderful exhibition of swimming, and the Brisbane papers commented enthusiastically on the performance. Mr. Hides is only 16 years of age, and is the second son of Mr. H. H. Hides, who recently died in the Port Moresby Hospital. Jack was born in Port Moresby and first learned to swim in the Port Moresby baths, so should the youth attain the future in the swimming world predicted for him, Port may shine in the reflected glory.

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IN the Commonwealth Parliament on Thursday, June 23, the Minister in Charge of Territories (Mr. Hughes) announced:—

1.—That he had selected Salamaua as the future capital of New Guinea, and that the transfer would be effected in two years at a cost of £350,000 (including harbour improvement).

2.—That a road would be built directly over the mountains to Wau, at an estimated cost of £150,000.

3.—That the plan of the Griffiths committee to build the capital on the Markham tablelands near Lae, and link it up with a system of developmental roads, had been rejected.

The following is an official copy of Mr. Hughes' statement.

Mr. Hughes described the volcanic disturbances at Rabaul in May, 1937, and the investigation which made it necessary to remove the administrative headquarters. He proceeded:—

In order to assist the Commonwealth Government in the selection of a suitable site, a committee was appointed to visit the Territory and to report as to the most suitable locality for the purpose, having in mind the need for any early transfer from Rabaul and the future development of the Territory. The committee, in a report dated April 27, 1938, submitted the following proposals:—

1.—Lae, on the coast in the Morobe district of the mainland of New Guinea, to be the site of the administrative headquarters.

2.—Salamaua, also on the coast about 20 miles from Lae, to be the port for the administrative headquarters, and to be developed as the chief port of the Territory.

3.—A road to connect Lae and Salamaua.

The estimated expenditure under these proposals is as follows:—

Transfer of administrative headquarters from Rabaul to Lae—£248,000 (includes provision for houses to be built and other public works and the actual transfer of the personnel).

Lae/Salamaua road—£150,000.

Rabaul district services—provision for a district staff for the New Britain dis-

trict to be in a safe place near to Rabaul—£45,000.

Making a total of—£443,000.

The committee also pointed out that certain works are necessary to assist the development of the Territory. As, however, the committee was of the opinion that these works must proceed irrespective of the location of the administrative headquarters, they were not taken into account by it in estimating the cost of removal of the administrative headquarters. The works referred to are the development of Salamaua as a port, and the construction of a road from the coast to the goldfields in the Morobe district.

In view of the expenditure involved and the far-reaching effects of the decision to be made, the Cabinet arranged that I should visit New Guinea to obtain first hand knowledge of the Territory, so as to assist the Government in coming to a decision in the matter. By the use of aeroplanes, I was able, during a brief visit to the Territory, to inspect a large area of New Guinea, and to see a number of the sites that might be considered suitable for the new administrative headquarters. I visited Rabaul, Bitapaka, Salamaua, Wau, Edie Creek, Bulolo, Upper Watut, Lae, Ramu and Madang. The report of the committee, and the information I have been able to furnish to my colleagues, have been considered by the Government, which has reached the following decision:—

1.—Salamaua to be the site of the administrative headquarters.

2.—A road to be constructed from Salamaua to Wau, the centre of the rich gold-mining area of the Territory. Roads already connect Wau and Edie Creek, and Wau and Bulolo and other places, but there is no road built from the mining fields to the coast.

3.—A long-range policy to be formulated that will in time permit of the road suggested from the coast to the goldfields being extended to the Markham Valley and eventually to Ramu and further inland; this road to be the backbone of a system for the hinterland of the New Guinea mainland, which can in time be linked with Madang on the north coast of New Guinea.

It is proposed that the necessary finance for the foregoing projects should be provided in the following manner:—

1.—The cost of the preparation of the new site for the administrative headquarters at Salamaua, the transfer thereto and harbour improvements and

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2.—Provision for a district staff near Rabaul (approximate cost £45,000) to be a matter for the New Guinea Administration from Territorial funds.

3.—The estimated amount necessary to provide a road from Salamaua to Wau (£150,000) to be secured by a loan to be raised in New Guinea. Such loan to be guaranteed by the Commonwealth Government and to be amortised over a period. A toll to be charged to users of

the road and payment of interest on the loan and provision for redemption to be a first charge on the revenue obtained from the toll. The maintenance of the road to be a matter for the New Guinea Administration as an ordinary administrative function.

It is difficult to estimate the time that will be necessary to prepare Salamaua for the administrative headquarters, and to build the road from Salamaua to

Wau, but both projects will be placed in hand immediately. No legal enactment, either by this Parliament or by ordinance of the Territory, is necessary to effect the transfer of the administrative headquarters, and there is, therefore, no obstacle to the necessary technical preparations proceeding forthwith.

"DEFINITELY AND CONTINUALLY MALARIOUS"

The report of the Griffiths Committee (which was ignored by Mr. Hughes) was released in the Commonwealth Parliament on June 29. It said, in relation to Salamaua (selected by Mr. Hughes):

"Salamaua is built on a low-lying isthmus. Because of its susceptibility to tidal waves, it would be unwise to use the flat land for town purposes. The elevated land available at the site would be insufficient for the present administrative needs, let alone for expansion, and is sufficient only for the requirements of the port. The aerodrome area, and to a less extent the Kila area, is still definitely and continually malarious, and in spite of anti-malarial measures, the type of malaria is a malignant subtropical with a tendency to development of blackwater fever."

FAILURE OF OPPOSITION

THE apparently hasty and impulsive action of the Minister caused dismay among those Australian people who had hoped for a new policy in New Guinea, based on the report of the Griffiths Committee. Strong representations, in opposition to the Minister's plan, were made by practically everyone of any prominence, who knows New Guinea, but they were all ignored. The newspapers and politicians, who might have forced the Czar-like Mr. Hughes to hold his hand, displayed complete ignorance of New Guinea conditions and of the issues at stake; and nothing was done.

Mr. Hughes' enabling legislation went through Parliament in an all-night sitting on June 29, while most members slept in their seats.

New Guinea now is committed to an expenditure of about £500,000—for what? To build an administrative establishment at Salamaua for the comfort of General McNicoll and his clerks, and to construct a road over barren and useless mountains to a goldfield that will be dead and buried in twenty years' time.

That £500,000, spent wisely, would have lent stimulus to the development of New Guinea, and given Australia title for all time to the possession of the great territory. As it is, we are just where we were a year ago.

Never mind! There is going to be a lot of easy money available in New Guinea soon, and road and building contractors are going to be very happy. And—silver lining to the cloud!—Wau, at least, is going to get its long-awaited road to the coast.

New Guinea interests should "hon in early", for as much of that £500,000 as they can get. They will need it all, about 1940, when the Territory begins to pay for the spending orgy on which it now is launched.

CRITICISM OF THE HUGHES' PLAN

The following statement was pub-

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lished in Sydney by the editor of the "P.I.M.", as soon as Mr. Hughes made his announcement:—

MOST people who know New Guinea—and especially those who have been critical of the policy of laissez faire, which has been followed there for so many years—will give approval to the announcement that the removal of the capital to the mainland (at Salamaua) is to form part of a far-reaching plan for roading and developing the great, fertile interior plateaus of the mainland.

But a comparison of the plan which has been so hastily adopted by the responsible Minister (Mr. Hughes), with the plan put forward after a lengthy investigation by an expert committee, discloses features which must give rise to some uneasiness. Mr. Hughes, in his statement to the House of Representatives, was also vague on the subject of finance, and he has left all New Guinea interests with a strong suspicion that they are due for a period of murderous taxation.

The Griffiths committee recommended that the site for the capital be the fertile plateau behind Lae, near the mouth of the Markham River. This place would have been cool and healthy; it would have been easily accessible for a supply of water and hydro-electric power; the establishment of the town there would have encouraged the settlement of the large fertile areas in the vicinity, and especially up the Markham Valley; and a developmental road (already surveyed and partly constructed) would have taken the easy grade from the new capital, up the Markham Valley onto the Ramu-Purari tablelands, with a side-road from the Markham over into the Bulolo Valley, thus giving the Wau-Bulolo gold industry its long-awaited access to the coast. The one disadvantage of the Lae site was that Lae is not a good port; but it was proposed to overcome this by building 25 miles of road along the coast, from Lae to Salamaua, at an estimated cost of £150,000.

Mr. Hughes simply swept that plan aside, and decided that the new capital shall be at Salamaua, that there shall be a new road straight over the mountains from Salamaua to Wau at an estimated cost of £150,000, and that road communication between Salamaua and the Ramu-Purari tablelands shall be via Wau and Bulolo, in some manner that is quite vaguely indicated—presumably through the Watut or Wampit Valleys. The committee's plan was prepared by experts and, on the face of it, appears practicable, to those who know the country. Mr. Hughes's plan, as so far disclosed, can be objected to on the following grounds:

There is not room on the Salamaua isthmus for any more building, so the new administrative quarters must be built on Kila Point, on the mainland, on the opposite side of Salamaua harbour. This area is low-lying, with its back against the foot of the mountain range, and it has no special residential qualification. At the head of the harbour between the present Salamaua town and the Kila area, there is a vast swamp, partly under water in the rainy season. Somewhere in the mountains nearby, presumably, there is a source of water and hydro-electric supply. A suitable town can be built there in time, no doubt; but why it should be placed in such a low-lying, hot, malarial and strategically vulnerable position, when much cooler and more attractive sites are available, is something I cannot understand. This is

to be a permanent town—not a mining camp.

But the chief objection is that road over the mountains from Salamaua to Wau. I am assured by those who know the country that the estimated cost of £150,000 is ridiculous; that the annual cost of maintenance will be enormous; that it will open up no agricultural country whatever; and that, when completed, it will be so beset by steep grades and curves that it will have little value as the first stage of an arterial road for the development of the interior tablelands. The alternative, longer road, from Salamaua via Lae and the Markham, with a side-road over to the Bulolo, would have had few engineering difficulties (apart from the crossing of the Markham River) and would have opened up good country along most of the route. The road via the Markham would have permanent value, while the road over the mountains from Salamaua will be of use only so long as the goldfield holds out—a matter of from 15 to 25 years.

The big companies operating in New Guinea have been given to understand, in no uncertain fashion, that they will be expected to subscribe liberally to the loan, whereby the £150,000 road is to be financed; and they have been assured that a road-toll will provide for interest and redemption. The companies have no faith in the plan. They know that no road worthy of the name can be built for £150,000; that if the toll is high enough to provide interest and redemption on the ultimate cost, it will put such a burden on road-users that the road will be almost valueless; and that the New Guinea

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administration will not be able to take care of maintenance "as an ordinary administrative function", as so vaguely suggested by Mr. Hughes. They therefore expect that the proposed road will have little real economic value, while this visionary plan typical of some Parliamentarians will throw upon them and upon the New Guinea community a heavy burden of taxation.

There is the same vagueness about the method of providing for the cost of transfer from Rabaul to Salamaua—estimated at £350,000. Mr. Hughes simply says "this will be the subject of equitable arrangement between the Commonwealth Government and the New Guinea administration". I am sure that taxpayers in both Australia and New Guinea would like something more concrete than that. That huge sum has to be found in some way. It is much more likely to come out of the pockets of taxpayers than out of the pockets of the Minister and Administrator, who make these far-reaching plans, and refuse to give any information. It is certain that the revenues and accumulated surplus (about £80,000) cannot provide so large an amount.

None of the big companies, even those engaged in aerial transport, is now opposing a roading plan—especially if the goldfields road is to form part of a general roading scheme for the development of the mainland. Everyone now recognises that, if Australia is to keep New Guinea, the country must be opened up and developed. The well-balanced plan of the expert committee seems to have been formulated with that policy in view.

The necessity for moving the capital created a remarkable opportunity for initiating a worth-while policy of public works, in which the large revenues derived from gold royalty might have been profitably employed. Mr. Hughes, by his apparently impulsive interference, has thrown that plan completely out of gear. It is to be hoped that the Federal Parliament, before it passes the legislation necessary to implement Mr. Hughes's plan, will insist upon the report of the Griffiths committee being tabled, and will compare it with the proposals of Mr. Hughes.



A CONTRAST IN COSTUME—Snapshot at Bulolo, New Guinea.

Mr. A. Robson, electrical engineer of Australian General Electric, Ltd., who recently installed power houses, etc., in connection with direction finding equipment on Salamaua and Port Moresby aerodromes, arrived in Sydney by the "Macdhui" on May 26.

MINISTER AND NEW GUINEA ADMINISTRATOR

References In Open Letter to Members Of Australian Parliament

The following are the chief points in a letter which was sent on June 24, by the editor of the "Pacific Islands Monthly" to every member of the Commonwealth Parliament on the subject of the new capital site in New Guinea.

Several members wrote privately and agreed with the argument, but the letter generally had no effect. The newspapers report that, when Mr. Hughes introduced his legislation, after midnight on June 29, most of the members were asleep in their seats, and there was no opposition.

Full details of Mr. Hughes' plan, and what has been done with it, are given in an article on page 37.

HEREWITH please find a statement in which I have criticised the plan of the Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, to place the new capital of New Guinea at Salamaua and to introduce a system of road building.

I would like to point out that I am completely disinterested. I have no personal or selfish interest in New Guinea—the decision to place the capital at Salamaua, or anywhere else, or to build roads or not build roads, will not affect me or my business to the extent of one penny-piece. But, as an Australian journalist who has devoted his life to a close—and I believe an intelligent—study of Pacific affairs, I am deeply interested in the future of New Guinea, and most anxious that Australia, at this stage, shall do the right thing, so that her future claim to hold New Guinea as an Australian territory, because of its economic value and its vital importance to Australia in a strategic sense, shall not be challenged in any international court.

For several years, now, I have been critical of the Australian administration in New Guinea. I have said that Australia's method of administering this great and incredibly rich territory lacks both vision and energy. I have pointed out, many times, that the development that has taken place in New Guinea, on account of the establishment of the gold industry, is due mainly to the foresight and energy of certain big companies; that little credit is due to the Australian government or the New Guinea administration for this development; and that the rich revenues derived by the New Guinea administration from gold royalties, and from customs and other taxes upon the activities of the goldfields companies, have been used by the New Guinea administration in more or less luxurious living, instead of being employed for the establishment of permanent agricultural industries, to take the place of the gold industry, which has only a limited life. I have said, in the plainest possible language, that the appointment of Brigadier-General Sir Walter Ramsay McNicoll, as Administrator of the territory, was a bad appointment because, no matter how distinguished his career as a soldier, he had not had one hour's experience of tropical administration, and never had at any time displayed that vision so necessary in the control of a rich and primitive territory, whose first need is a policy of European colonisation. It was a bad appointment, too, because of certain political associations. Nothing that has happened in New Guinea since Sir Walter McNicoll assumed control as Administrator has provided evidence in rebuttal of the opinions expressed above.

The decision to move the capital away from Rabaul, and preferably to the mainland, provided the Commonwealth Government with a unique opportunity of initiating that very necessary policy of colonisation in New Guinea. The reference of the problems involved to a committee consisting of Brigadier-General Thomas Griffiths (a former administrator of New Guinea, who held the complete respect and admiration of all New Guinea interests), Mr. C. W. Thomas (former Custodian of Expropriated Properties, who has a close personal knowledge of the whole of the Territory), and of Mr. L. Thornton (an experienced public works engineer) gave all of us, who were anxious for the future of New Guinea, an assurance that the investigation about to be made would be thorough, painstaking, honest, and based completely on a practical knowledge of tropical conditions, and an appreciation of the future needs of the Territory. Surely, the recommendation of such a committee should have been accepted by the Commonwealth Government.

Instead of that, Mr. Hughes went off in furious haste to the Territory; spent four or five days in an aeroplane, flying far and wide over this vast territory, glimpsing from the air the districts which had been painfully examined on foot by the members of the expert committee; was a few hours in Salamaua, in the coolest and pleasantest season of the year; and then swept aside the carefully-balanced report of the expert committee and, in defiance of the latter's recommendations, said that the new capital shall be at Salamaua and that there shall be a new road over the mountains from Salamaua to Wau.

No one knows how much of this is Hughes and how much is McNicoll. One does not even know that Sir Walter McNicoll objected to the recommendations of the expert committee. But the Commonwealth Parliament, before it sanctions plans which are likely to have a far-reaching effect upon the future of New Guinea (which in turn is vital to the defence of Australia) should insist upon knowing the nature of the report which the Administrator of New Guinea made to the Federal Cabinet concerning the expert committee's recommendations. If the hurried and extraordinary action of the Minister in New Guinea was not dictated by the representations of the Administrator, and by advice provided by experts on the administration staff, then I suggest the Commonwealth Parliament is entitled to know the reasons which actuated the Minister in sweeping aside the report of the expert committee and making completely independent decisions.

It is inconceivable that the Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, in taking the decisions he did, acted entirely on his own initiative. Mr. Hughes may have a brilliant record as a statesman; but what does he know personally about the practical side of administration in a tropical territory, and of the many peculiar considerations which must affect the formulation of any policy relating to either the establishment of a new town or the initiation of a far-reaching scheme of roads in a place like New Guinea? If Mr. Hughes was guided in his actions by the administrator, then the Commonwealth Parliament is entitled to know what arguments were placed before the Minister by the Administrator, to induce the former to set aside the plan of the experts. If he was not, then Parliament is entitled to

know that, too, so that it may draw its own conclusions.

The particular points which I submit against the recommendations of Mr. Hughes are as follow:—

1.—Mr. Hughes is not justified in setting aside the report of the expert committee, unless he is prepared to defend his action completely, and in detail.

2.—For a whole variety of reasons, Salamaua is not a suitable place for the establishment of the capital. Those reasons already have been stated publicly in Melbourne by Brigadier-General Wisdom, who was Administrator of New Guinea for many years, and I am certain that they would be supported by Brigadier-General Griffiths (another former Administrator) and by anyone else who knows New Guinea intimately.

3.—The proposal to build a road, directly over the mountains from Salamaua to Wau, can be condemned from both the financial and engineering viewpoint. It cannot be built for £150,000; its maintenance will be enormously costly; it will serve no purpose other than providing direct access from Wau to the coast; it obviously cannot be regarded as the first stage in a system of arterial roads to connect Salamaua with the Ramu-Purari tablelands; and its usefulness will be gone in twenty years, which is the estimated life of the Morobe goldfield.

4.—The financial proposals are vague and impracticable. The plan to finance the Wau-Salamaua road by means of a toll will mean eventually either that the

toll will be so heavy that the road will have little practical value, or that, in order to provide for interest and redemption, a heavy call will be made upon the ordinary revenues of the territory. No indication is given of how it is proposed to finance the estimated cost of removing the capital to Salamaua—namely, £350,000.

5.—There now is no real objection remaining on the part of the principal New Guinea interests to the construction of a road which will provide for slow, cheap transport between the Morobe goldfield and the coast; but, if those interests are to be taxed in order to provide for such a road, it is only fair that they should be given a definite assurance, by competent people, that the road to be built will form part of a permanent roading system for the future development and security of New Guinea. Emphatically, the Salamaua-Wau road proposed by Mr. Hughes does not come into that category.

I want to make it clear that I am not opposing a Salamaua-Wau road, for which there long has been a demand. I am criticising the plan put forward by Mr. Hughes, which is ill-balanced and uninformed.

R. W. ROBSON,
Editor and Proprietor,
"Pacific Islands Monthly."

Union House,
247 George St.,
Sydney.
24 June, 1938.

THE 1915 EARTHQUAKE IN SALAMAUA

WRITING to Melbourne "Argus" on June 27, Mr. C. H. Nelson, of St. Kilda, said it was inexplicable to him that Mr. Hughes should recommend Salamaua as the new capital site for the Mandated Territory. Had Mr. Hughes seen the effects of the extensive earthquake disturbances in August, 1915, around the Huon Gulf, and especially at Salamaua, he would not have been so anxious to accept interested local opinions. Salamaua then was a primitive na-

tive village, but the tidal effects wiped out nearly the whole locality, and what happened 23 years ago could happen again to-day, with even worse results than the Rabaul disaster. "There is no harbour, limited building space, and a dangerous surf coast, with almost no shelter", says Mr. Nelson.

Morobe (he says) has a deep, natural, safe harbour, large enough to shelter a fleet, with good anchorages and deep water close to the shore, has a good climate, and is the healthiest portion of that coast. It has 10 miles of building land to the Waria River, which is a splendid fresh-water river.

Rev. C. W. Whonsbon-Aston, of the Anglican Mission, Eastern Papua, was laid low by a very severe attack of fever when he returned to his station at Mukawa a few months ago, and he since has spent a good deal of time in hospital. He has been ordered south for a year and expects to arrive in Sydney in July.

The French Pacific sloop "Rigault de Genouilly" sailed from Dunedin, New Zealand, for Tahiti on June 6 after a three weeks' visit to the Dominion. Her commander is Captain Plante.

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From Our Own Correspondent.

HONOLULU, June 20.

FOLKS in the tropics yearn for nice crisp green lettuce, succulent tomatoes, juicy ripe fruit. Rarely do the dreams come true for many reasons.

However, it looks like the dreams will come true every time, even out of season, which will be something, if the new science of hydroponics (see your dictionary) now being developed by the University of California continues with its amazing results.

Crops of vegetables are grown in water-tight tubs of chemically treated water. Not a grain of sand or soil is needed. This year the university dispatched students to all corners of the globe, to check the theory under varying types of climate.

One place chosen was Wake Island, the U.S. navy reservation in mid-Pacific. The hardest forms of vegetation have a tough time, growing on bleak, exposed Wake.

However, Lamory Laumeister, a senior majoring in agrobiolgy (see your dictionary again), confidently landed at Wake, tubs, chemicals and seeds and all.

Stodious Mr. Laumeister set to work. He got the surprise of his life. The extraordinary light intensity of Wake upset his formulae compiled in the comparatively gentle climate of California. His chemically watered plants at Wake shot heavenwards and ran to stalk and leaf with too little fruit. Biologist Laumeister pondered Nature's over-generosity. He worked out new combinations of chemicals; poured them into the tubs.

Unexpectedly this caused the discovery of one of the most important possibilities offered by hydroponics: that the taste and quality of fruits and vegetables, produced by this newest branch of agriculture, can be controlled.

So at Wake Island student Laumeister has produced crops of every garden vegetable; lettuce, beans, carrots, squash, maize, cucumber, melons, pineapples, pawpaws.

Lately he popped some strawberry seeds into his tubs. Strawberries any time of the year in mid-Pacific?

Hats off to chemistry!

SALAMAUA HOTEL

ONE early result of the establishment of the airmail service between Sydney and New Guinea is the enlargement of the hotel at Salamaua, where airmail travellers, on both the northern and southern trips remain overnight. The work of enlarging the hotel is now proceeding.

Mrs. A. J. Buxton left Sydney by the "Niagara" on June 9 for Suva, Fiji, to spend a short holiday with her son Mr. S. H. Buxton, who is on the staff of the Suva Town Board.

RUBBER-GROWING IN N. GUINEA

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADANG, June 21.

SOMETHING new for New Guinea, and an industry that should be given every advertisement and encouragement, is the re-opening of Magaria Rubber Estate, in Astrolabe Bay, by Mr. Vic. Maxwell.

Mr. Maxwell now has the Estate again in production, and is turning out the first New Guinea rubber to be exported for many years, and deserves the congratulations of everybody.

This venture will be watched with interest. Already several planters are interested in this crop as a change from copra.

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CONDOMINIUM AS "PANDEMONIUM"

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Critical**

SEVERE criticism of the condition of the New Hebrides under the Condominium is expressed by a Presbyterian Minister, the Rev. T. E. Riddle, of Takapuna, Auckland, who recently revisited the group after an absence of 27 years.

"Known officially as the Condominium and locally as the 'Pandemonium', this system of control has had 30 years to show what it could do", said Mr. Riddle, to the "New Zealand Herald". "but a Government that works through British Courts for British Residents. French Courts for the French, a joint Court with several neutral nationals as its Judges, public prosecutors and advocates, besides resident commissioners of both nations, has too many spring traps in the way of national jealousies and international red tape to allow any considerable degree of executive drive, or of judicial efficiency.

"British traders, planters and missionaries have only one opinion about the Condominium, and especially about the British end of it, and that is that it has let them down badly. Planters complain that nothing has ever been done to improve planting. Even now there are no grafted fruit trees in the islands, and no improved cotton, sugarcane or rice has been introduced.

"Hurricanes have been frequent of late years, and one British settler in particular has had heavy losses. All he received from the British authorities was

a letter of sympathy, whereas his French neighbour was given financial aid by his Government.

"Copra is the main trade of the islands and adverse tariffs and vested in-



REV. T. E. RIDDLE.

terests in England so control the price that the trading steamers in the group can offer £9 a ton to the French for copra, £8 to the natives and only £7 to the British.

"So deadly has this discrimination

against the British become that British trading firms have one by one become French or have floated subsidiary trading companies registered in France. British traders and planters are being forced out, and it is hard to find any constructive efforts to prevent other British interests from going the same way.

"It is startling to find that in the 30 years the Condominium has been established the British part of it has not spent one penny for education either of British children or of the natives", continued Mr. Riddle. "The various missionary societies supply all the education there is in the group. In welfare work the British Condominium is equally neglectful".

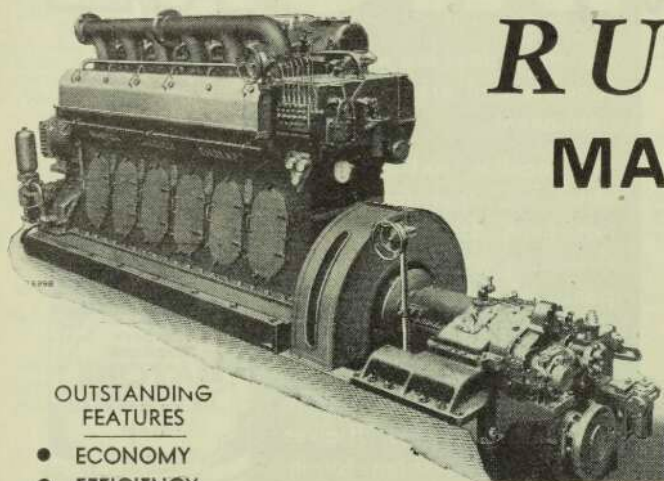
Mr. Riddle, although criticising the administration of the group under district agents, said local officials would probably act energetically if left to themselves, but the Colonial Office appeared to have forgotten that it had obligations to the settlers and natives of New Hebrides.

HOW "LOCAL-BORN" PROBLEM IS BEING SOLVED IN SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, June 2.

OVER 30 applications by European-Samoans have been sent in response to the announcement of the Administration that tenders for the new settlement area at Alesea, of 22 blocks of land, would be received. The new blocks are somewhat smaller than the first blocks, which have now been fully planted. The first settlers have already started shipping bananas, and seem to be doing well.



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NAURU

Administrator's Sharp Disagreement With Australia

ALTHOUGH the full circumstances are a closely-guarded secret, it is understood that the Administrator of the Mandated Territory of Nauru, Commander R. C. Garsia, formerly of the Royal Australian Navy, who will retire shortly, will relinquish the post because of a sharp disagreement with the Commonwealth Government (says N.Z. "Herald" of June 17).

Commander Garsia's retirement is said to arise from his concern because



Commander R. Garsia, Administrator of the Mandated Territory of Nauru.

the Government refused to accept his view of the danger to which the small British community on the island, which lies on the equator to the north-west of New Guinea, would be exposed in the event of an international emergency. Commander Garsia sent several reports to the Government emphasising the danger in the isolated and unprotected situation of the British community of 194 persons, including 100 women and children. The Commonwealth refused seriously to consider certain recommendations by Commander Garsia for evacuating the white women and children of Australia or to New Zealand in an emergency.

EDITORIAL NOTE: We have been informed that the differences between Commander Garsia and Canberra went farther and deeper than is indicated above. In any event, Commander Garsia will have learned by now that the average Australian Minister's knowledge of the Pacific territories he is supposed to govern is less than that of an indifferent schoolboy. On the one occasion that Australia obtained the services of a Minister who did know something about the territories he was controlling, the interests on whose horns he trod dug him out of office in quick time.

Mr. John Goepel, a District Commissioner in Fiji, who arrived in the Colony as a cadet in 1928, has been appointed a Political Agent in Aden, Arabia.

CONFESSION OF FUTILITY

N.Z. Prime Minister and Samoa

AS an outstanding example of futility in Government, we commend the following statement by the Prime Minister of New Zealand. He was asked, in his Parliament on June 22, whether his Government proposed to appoint an Administrator of Western Samoa—it being pointed out that Mr. Turnbull had carried on there for over three years as "Acting Administrator". Mr. Savage said:—

"The question of appointing an Administrator of Samoa has not been considered by the Government. The Acting Administrator, Mr. A. C. Turnbull, has been doing good work. We have had so many other things to do and we have simply allowed the arrangement to stand. Mr. Turnbull was acting when we came into office and he has been acting ever since."

It may be noted that this New Zealand Government is a Socialist Government, and it controls two territories, the Cook Islands and

(under mandate) Western Samoa. Readers of this journal will recall that both territories are in a state of economic and, to some extent, political turmoil, owing to this Government's attempts to apply principles of socialistic control to communities which are unfitted for anything of the kind.

There is some indication that the New Zealand Administration will be put out of office at the general election in November. The difficulty, however, is that the Administration which the Labour Party displaced was one of the feeblest in the history of the little Dominion; and nothing worth-while has taken its place.

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THEY SAW THE SOUTH SEAS

From Our Own Correspondent.

HONOLULU, June 15.

THOSE good residents of the Marquesas Islands and Tahiti, who came to know the 30-foot American ketch "Njord", will be interested to learn that she arrived here this week, her crew well, after 25 days' sailing from the Marquesas.

The ketch is manned by three men, owners John Edlund and Clyde Johnson, of Coos Bay, Oregon, and Clarence Neads, of Pittsburgh.

The Njord left San Diego January 5 and later spent three months cruising through the Marquesas group. The party now intends to sail back to Coos Bay.

The "Njord" proves what you can do in your spare time. Mr. Edlund, a grocer, and Mr. Johnson, who works at a lumber mill, took three years to build it. They wanted to see the South Seas.

The next dream: build a bigger boat, see more of the world. They feel foot-loose.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Suva, Fiji, which was formerly associated with the Presbytery of Victoria, has been transferred to the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

"BOUNTY'S" LOST
ANCHOR

Interesting Relic In Tahiti

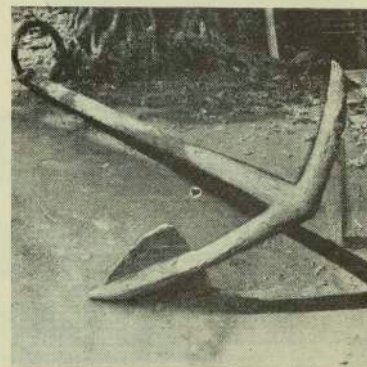
BY W. W. BOLTON, M.A.

WHEN in 1789, Fletcher Christian and his fellow mutineers brought the "Bounty" back to Tahiti, he sought the same spot for anchorage as Bligh had used when loading his cargo of bread fruit trees. This was not at Matavai Bay proper, but its western arm, Papaoa, where an extensive valley runs down from the hills at the back to the sea.

He had no intention of stopping long—he was all for hiding from the long arm of the law and, having secured sufficient supplies and water, he attempted to weigh anchor. But the "Bounty" had grounded on a sunken reef, of which there are plenty to this day thereabouts. There was nothing for it but to use his spare anchor as a kedge, to haul her off. This was successful, but the kedge was held fast by the coral it had bitten into, and there was no hope of its release.

There was but one thing to do—to cut the cable and leave the anchor behind. This was done and the "Bounty" passed out of the picture. But the incident was not forgotten by the natives.

Time and again, as the years rolled on, an effort was made to get that anchor, but the grip held fast. One generation



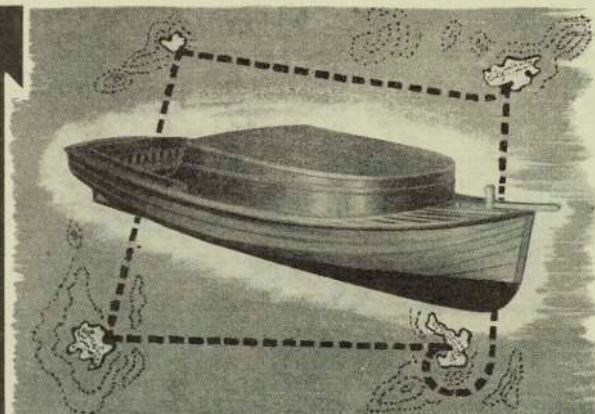
The anchor, as it is to-day.

followed another, and the story of the lost anchor of the "Bounty" passed on down, with the resolve of the district of Arue that some day it should be recovered. Nigh 50 years ago, when the present Chief of Arue was a strenuous young lad, there was a call for yet another attempt.

To the joy of the neighbourhood the long-fast grip had loosened. It was not wholly unexpected, as to them it was only a question of time, for they had seen in other cases the strong corrosive action of coral on iron. The flukes of one arm so long held fast were gone; there was left but the point. This they easily withdrew, and dragged the weighty anchor to the edge of the lagoon, leaving it for a time on the fringing reef, in shallow water.

Some years later, the relic was drawn

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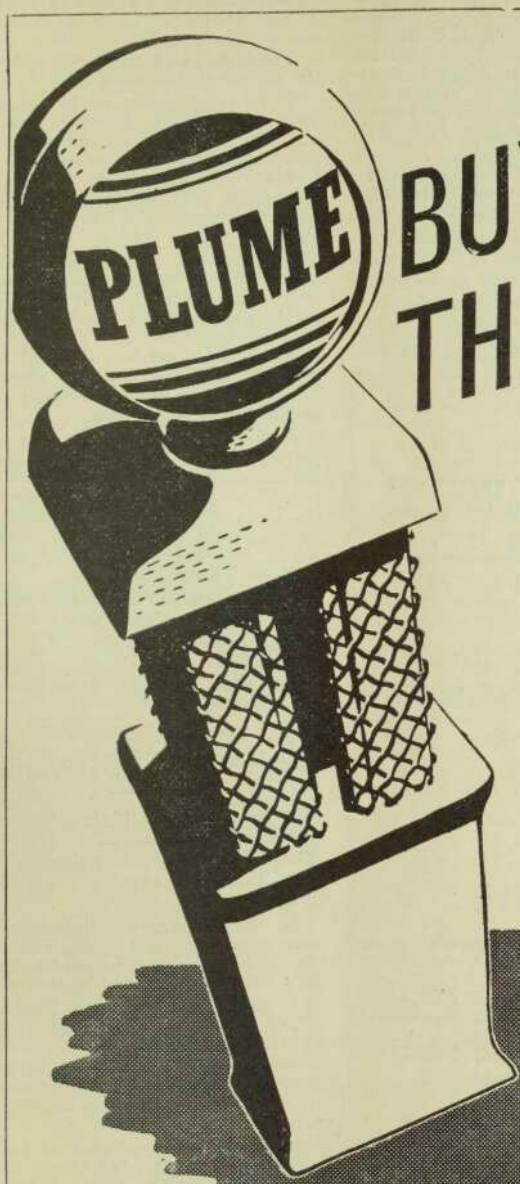
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up on to dry land, and lay in a coconut plantation, soon to be covered over by the rank vegetation, and forgotten save by a few. Last year when the once young lad was the Chief of his district, he determined to remove the relic to his own home yard, and let those who wished to see it have easy access thereto. This was done, and it lies to-day as the picture portrays.

It was the wish of the Chief that the Home authorities of England be informed, and confirmation of its authenticity be if possible secured. The writer was kindly called upon to act for these eager folk, and it was then that he heard the above related story from their lips.

They were quite unselfish in their attitude. The anchor was to them British

property, if Britain so desired, and action would be taken to gain the consent of the French authorities to its return. Herewith is appended England's answer, through official quarters. To the natives, there is no shadow of doubt that the anchor is the "Bounty's", and, housed as now, doubtless it will be in the Papeete Museum an object of deep interest to many besides themselves:—

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GREENWICH S.E. 10. 18th March 1938.

"Dear Sir—Many thanks for your most interesting letter of the 11th January, together with photograph of what would seem from local tradition to be one of the anchors of H.M.S. "Bounty". It is unfortunate that there is no recorded establishment of anchors at that date,

giving weights and dimensions: but the figures quoted on the back of the photograph certainly seem approximately correct. Indeed, it would not be possible to throw doubt upon the authenticity of the anchor on the score of size.

"It is odd that the stock should have disappeared. It has generally been found that the stock of an old anchor was practically imperishable in salt water. It looks as if the stock of this anchor must have been wantonly destroyed by some one requiring a piece of very hard wood.

"By the way, it is a mistake to suppose that the coral would corrode the iron of the anchor. What actually happened was that the anchor made good hold of the coral and that the coral, being living organism, retained a tight grip of the metal until the coral itself decayed. Then the grip relaxed and the anchor would be released.

"Here in England there is a strong feeling that if the anchor is accepted, as having belonged to the 'Bounty', it should be preserved for all time near the place where it was discovered. Removed from its original setting, it would lose much of its intrinsic importance. Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY CALLENDER.

W. W. Bolton, Esq. M.A.,
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JAPANESE POACHERS

In New Hebrides

THE following was published in the Australian evening newspapers of June 22:—

Japanese luggers, alleged to have been poaching pearl-shell off islands of the New Hebrides, have been fired on by a white resident and by native police.

A lugger anchored on June 18 off White Sands, on the island of Tanna, and began diving operations. From the shore, a white man fired three rifle shots over the heads of the divers, who hastily returned to the lugger, which sailed away to the south.

When a lugger appeared off Lenakael, on Tanna, on Monday, June 20, rifle shots from native police boys scared away the alleged poachers, who sailed to the north. This lugger is reported still to be operating in north Tanna waters.

A depot ship has been sighted on several occasions, standing 15 to 20 miles offshore.

Luggers have now been observed off the islands of Tanna, Futuna and Aniwa, the southernmost isles of the group.

Mr. W. M. Stuart, who has been appointed Chief Judge at Tonga, arrived in Auckland by the "Monterey" from Sydney on May 30 to join the "Matua". Mr. Stuart was formerly in the Colonial Service in Africa.

DEMAND FOR LAND

Madang Progress Association

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADANG, June 21.

WE thought that, as a visit by a Minister for the Territories, is a rare thing, but Mr. Hughes would have stayed here long enough to have allowed residents to have come in and discussed many matters with him. But Mr. W. M. Hughes, although he interviewed several residents, did not make any attempt to meet the planters in conference, and hear any suggestions or complaints that they may have desired to offer; and there were many.

It would seem that, having no vote and no representation, we are compelled to lead an existence dictated by legislators from Canberra, whose knowledge of tropical regime is minute. The time is certainly ripe for a general reorganisation of the Administration of New Guinea, giving the residents at least equal representation within the Territory, and thus foster that civic spirit that at present is being strangled by bureaucracy.

It has been decided that the Citizens' Association of Madang be disbanded, and in its place the "Madang and District Progress Association" has been formed, to function as a civic body, and endeavour to co-operate with the Administration in matters affecting the future development of Madang. The president is Mr. C. Rouse, the secretary Mr. B. G. Hall, with a sub-committee consisting of Mr. V. Maxwell and Dr. MacQueen. Matters in which the Association is co-operating with the District Office are: The beautification of Madang and the maintenance of present tropical growth; the construction of baths; the appointment of a permanent Nursing Sister to the Madang Hospital.

A matter that will be given attention, even to the extent of taking it to Canberra, is the making available of residential and business areas in Madang. At present, the only people who may engage in business or reside in the town are Chinese, as all other land is in the hands of a few people, and they are

making none available, with the result that the business of Madang is more or less a monopoly held by a few, and the Administration will make no move to relieve the situation.

This matter is causing concern to many who desire to engage in business but not being Chinese, and not being entitled to an area on the Asiatic reserve, must of necessity keep out. This state of affairs is untenable in a British country, and we consider it the first duty of any Administration to see that the settlers are given access to residential areas.

There is quite a large amount of development work being done in Madang by the big firms. Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd. have just completed a new mess for their staff, and work is in hand with the extension of the freezer. We understand that plans have been drawn up for additions to be made to the store. W. R. Carpenter & Co. Ltd. have completed an addition to their store, and it is stated new bungalows will shortly be under way.

It would seem from the foregoing that either these firms are convinced the new Capital will not come to Madang, or else have been given some inside information as yet not available to the general public.

The Island Exploration Co., searching for oil, have extended their operations over the whole district, but nothing is known as to what indications have been found of oil.

The Race Club holds regular meetings, and has become well established, mainly through the energy and enthusiasm of Mr. Jack Reid, our A.D.O. When a race meeting is near, all thought of copra prices is superseded by horsey talk, which is perhaps all for the good, as the present price of copra is enough to give anyone a "pain in the kneck".

A former Fijian resident, Ben Valentine, who is about 27 years old, is earning fame in Europe as a boxer. He was a notable boxer in Fiji in 1934, when he joined the crew of a yacht on a world cruise. He arrived in London in 1935, and since has steadily climbed the ladder of sporting fame. A newspaper recently praised his "courteous bearing and clean living". He is a Fijian half-caste.

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AGITATORS IN TONGA

From Our Own Correspondent.

NUKUALOFA, June 6.

OF late our ears have been assailed by the braying of agitators, who point accusing fingers at Government and missions, and flay both alike for having brought the vengeance of the gods on poor Tonga—hence the hurricane, drought, famine, low price of copra, high prices of commodities, increase in crimes, moral degeneracy of young Tongans, etc.

All these calamities, so these people reason—how they arrive at their conclusion is beyond our limited imagination—will pester us no more if the missionaries are sternly put into their proper sphere, the Government disbanded, laws repealed and Europeans pushed out of the public service.

The past is presented to us appetisingly as the time when Tonga was for the Tongans and the country was overflowing with milk and honey; which, so we were promised, will be our lot once again, if only we are men enough to stand up and cast off our bondage.

It is all very interesting; but the effect of it on public opinion in Tonga is little more than nil. It would be interesting to know the true source of this agitation.

Mr. W. Goodwin, who for the past three years has been Director of Agriculture at Rarotonga, Cook Islands, arrived in Auckland, N.Z., by the "Matua", early in June on leave.

Mr. W. H. Lucas, a retired officer of Burns, Philp & Co., arrived in Norfolk Island by the "Morinda" in June.

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BY MOLLIE LETT

THIS year, the Papuan Government has issued Papuan Junior Reader No. 5, a further and more advanced stage in continuance of the series, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, which made their appearance in 1932 and 1934, and which, owing to their comprehensive character, have been in great demand by other Administrations concerned with the primary education of native people.

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Apart from the issue of Reader No. 5, Mr. Percy Chatterton, (of the Educational Department of the London Missionary Society in Papua), has recently prepared and published a Syllabus for village schools in the Territory. It is for the use of trained native teachers and is published in both English and Motuan, and has been kept as simple as possible in order that it may be applicable to the smallest one-teacher schools.

Lessons are conducted in the vernacular, and in three classes, A, B, and C. In the lowest class C, the small children are taught the most elementary lessons in simple addition and subtraction by means of shells, stones and small sticks. With reading and writing, a few letters are taken at a time, from which they make words, which they eventually write on a black-board.

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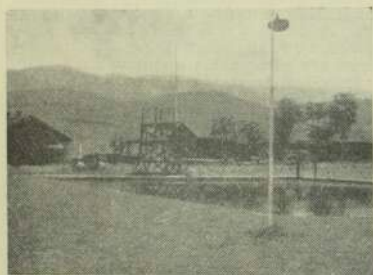
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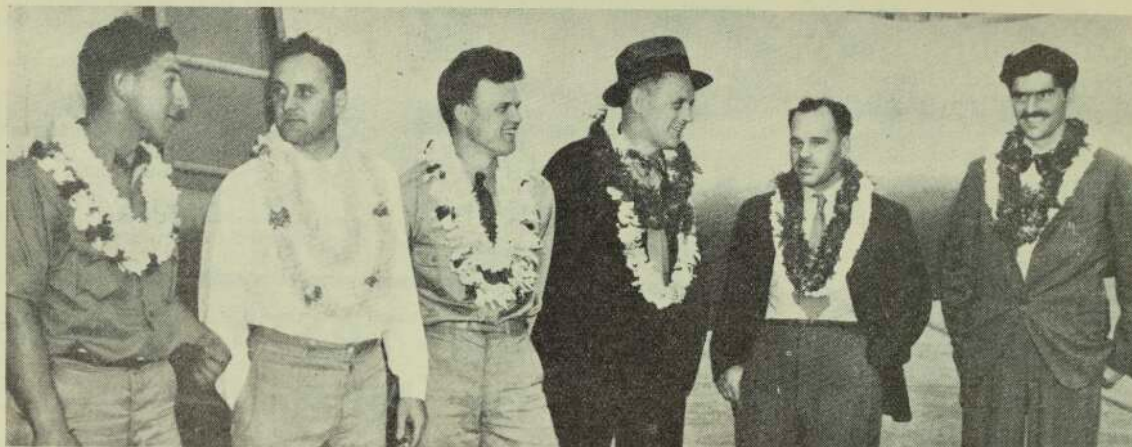
Lower: This swimming pool on Little Wau Creek, New Guinea, is becoming increasingly popular, and at week-ends is a happy rendezvous for children and adults alike. Although Mr. Leo Poland's enterprise may not be so well supported as it deserves—no doubt on account of the chilliness of Wau's mountain streams—everything has been done to make it attractive and, thanks to Mr. Jock Tinnion's skill and ingenuity as a landscape gardener the swimming pool is now the show-place of Wau. Trim lawns, shrubs and rose bushes blend surprisingly with the natural beauty of the surroundings.

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HOW ARCHBOLD PARTY FLEW TO NEW GUINEA

BY JOHN WILLIAMS

HONOLULU, June 15.

THE crackerjack trans-Pacific flight of the Richard Archbold party from San Diego, California, to Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, 8,000 land miles in three hops and 54 hours' flying time, showed how an ocean should be flown. There are some facts about it that must go into the record:

They used a three-years-old type of airboat, named the "Guba". The U.S. navy has more than 200 of them as patrol bombers in use to-day. Archbold used his head in picking what probably was the finest all-round crew ever to take to the air together. All the men, with the exception of Raymond Booth, the radio-man, are pilots.

Russell Rogers, the pilot, probably is at the top of commercial pilots in America to-day. He doesn't say so—he dodges publicity—but his flying comrades are unstinted in their praise.

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Captain Yancey heartily debunks, as does Captain P. G. Taylor, the Australian pilot-navigator, the "mystery", the "glamour", with which some attempt to cloak aerial navigation (aviation is the U.S. word for it). Captain Yancey claims any sailor worth his salt could take a plane across any ocean.

They flew from San Diego to Honolulu in 18 hours flat, and without benefit of publicity ballyhoo, radio aids and surface station ships. Yancey plotted the course, Rogers obeyed orders. Only once did they take a radio bearing and that was to keep a certain company quiet: the company, like the navy, thinks radio aids are imperative. The bearing was taken when the airboat was a little more than an hour out of San Diego.

On the way, the crew had a lot of fun. Russ Rogers made the "iron mike" fly the airboat for hours on end. He sat, hands folded in lap, dozed, read, yawned. The others liked him best when he was cooking over the two-ring electric stove back in a fireproof compartment. He threw together chicken, ham and eggs, spinach, carrots. As he said later: "The boys couldn't do much about it. They had to eat the grub I tossed them, or else! Mine was the only restaurant in sight!"

No plane before had flown non-stop from Honolulu to Wake Island, or from Wake direct to New Guinea. Yancey and Rogers spent some hours at famed Bishop Museum, poring over old charts of the Caroline Islands area. The U.S. press tried to beat up a sensational angle, that the Japanese were peeved about the party flying across their mandated islands; but the Japanese said they were

sure that if Mr. Archbold planned to use mandated islands facilities he naturally would make that known through the customary diplomatic channels.

The plane actually flew over the islands at night, so even if they did actually go over any island they couldn't see much of it. That kind of pricked the sensational stories.

While in Honolulu, Mr. Rogers gave me details of the round-the-world continuation of the party's plans, which, of course, depends entirely upon how the notoriously fickle New Guinea weather conditions treat them. Here's the plan in a nutshell.

Ostensibly, the expedition is to hunt things, from butterflies and marsupials to pythons and rare seeds and climatic data, in New Guinea's hinterland. There will be some 35 white men employed, many of them scientists from American museums, 75 Dutch soldiers, and hundreds of native carriers.

Pilot Rogers is to transport them as far up the mountain ranges as possible, then fly food and other supplies in to them, dropping the stuff by parachute above each camp. Then he will have to fly them out, a long and painstaking task that will call upon all the skill he possesses — which is something, because he has been flying since he was 13.

They may get the work done in one year; maybe, it will take two. It all depends upon the weather. If all goes well, then, instead of heading back home across the Pacific, the same party will go down to Java or Darwin, and connect with the British Imperial Airways route to London, and skip along it. Then they will fly the North Atlantic

and swoop down into New York—right around the world, back to where they started.

This will be the first time a privately-owned plane has made the round-the-world flight; that is, down across the equator and back over again. The "Guba", incidentally, is the world's largest private "air yacht". Cost, fully equipped: £50,000 sterling.

Mr. Rogers said that there is little likelihood of the "Guba" going down to Brisbane and Sydney.

There is much speculation in the U.S. press about the real purpose of the Archbold expedition into Dutch New Guinea. Highlights of the discussion: Archbold's last expedition used Papua. In 1936 Dutch-Shell interests, smiled upon the Dutch Government, made an aerial and ground survey of little-known inner Dutch New Guinea (as reported in various issues of the P.I.M.).

Archbold is a Standard Oil heir. Among the scientists accompanying him are geologists skilled in detecting "oil country". The Dutch Government, again, is showing the utmost friendship.

Don't forget the Japanese southward thrust. Already, Japanese interests have concessions in Dutch New Guinea.

If there are oil and minerals to be found in Dutch New Guinea, looks like the Dutch-American-British groups are determined to get in first. Archbold has chosen a good all-round crew for his part in it, anyhow.

Mr. C. W. G. Fox, of the N.G. Administration staff, passed through Sydney in June en route to Melbourne, where he will join Mrs. Fox, and spend three months' furlough.



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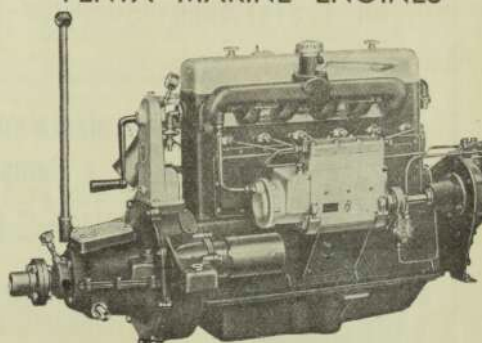
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WHY WE ARE "AS BRITISH AS A MONOCLE"

Reply to Honolulu Journal's Criticism of P.I.M.'s Pacific Policy

BECAUSE, in recent issues of this journal, I have declared:

That the British communities in the Pacific have no hope of security except under Great Britain's protection and guarantee of freedom;

that Britain's policy of arming to the teeth, while trying patiently to maintain international peace, is a policy which everyone must applaud;

that those who look to Anglo-American co-operation for some kind of solution of the world's troubles will look in vain—

I have received the somewhat scornful attention of the "Honolulu Star-Bulletin". I am told, reproachfully, that I am "as British as a monocle"; and that Americans generally, having been "caught" once or twice—the Great War especially is referred to—are now far too wise and wary to be dragged into any international

pact as the partner of John Bull.

The Honolulu journal is typical of the majority of American newspapers.

British folk, long ago, accepted the situation, without rancour or reproaches. We know that the charming and intelligent Americans we customarily meet represent a few millions of American intelligentsia, who are as British as we are in outlook, ideals and aspirations, and who recognise as clearly as we do the implications of the present international situation.

But we know, also, that behind them, living in an isolated world created by their own parochial clamour, and fenced about by their limited perspective, are 125 million other Americans, who are concerned with nothing much beyond the price of hogs, and orders for new motor cars. How can such people recognise that, outside their borders, there is a

world apparently getting ready to destroy itself—a world that might come to attention and obey if 130 million united people said "Stop it!" Probably, if Americans realised the menace, and their own power, they would act—the history of their republic contains inspiring examples of national altruism.

But there is not a sign of it, now, and the article in the Honolulu newspaper, spitting venom at Britain and glorying in American self-sufficiency, is an illustration of how the American masses are kept in ignorance of the true state of world conditions.

British statesmen accepted the situation long since; and without any bad-tempered recrimination. I like to think that as long ago as 1932, long before we uninstructed folk had had our eyes opened by the German-Italian-Japanese pact, British statesmanship was wise and clever enough to see what was coming, and had begun to prepare. There have been moments, during the past year, when it was just touch-and-go: One untoward "incident", and an unwilling Britain, a politically-torn France, and a Communist Russia would have been compelled to fight the Fascist Trio.

The sky is a little clearer, just now. The Fascist Powers have lost the chance they had, in 1937, of striking a crippling blow at a half-prepared Britain, and a France and Russia weakened by internal intrigue. Japan, literally and metaphorically, now is bogged in China. By next year, Britain should be strong enough, not only to place her own safety beyond doubt, but also to assert her right, more definitely, to be the leader and protector of European civilisation.

But the danger remains. The only alternative to a Europe dominated by Fascism—a soulless thing, stifling individual liberty, as we know it—and a Pacific over-run by Asiatics who style themselves "sons of Heaven", is a huge, armed guard on the frontiers and, internally, an economic orderliness and a political condition ruled by a spirit of mutual class toleration, of which the British Empire is the outstanding example to-day.

American Anglophobes should try to imagine what would happen to America, if the rest of the world went again into a general dogfight, in which the British Empire were destroyed. Think it out in detail. The world would not be a very pleasant place for Americans, or any other liberty-loving people, either at home or abroad.

A nation of 130,000,000 free and educated people cannot stay always at home, and gloatingly read things like Quincey Howe's best-seller—"England Expects Every American This Day To Do His Duty". They want more, and not less freedom, to move about the world. Would they have more, or less, freedom if the British Empire were hamstrung? Inevitably, wouldn't they have to fight, not only for freedom, but eventually for their national existence.—R.W.R.

Mr. D. McGregor, of the Automobile Association (Auckland, N.Z.), has been transferred to Fiji for special duty. Mr. McGregor arrived in Suva by the June "Niagara".

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N.Z. MODERATOR IN NEW HEBRIDES

Warm Welcome To Former Missionary

THE Rev. T. E. Riddle, Moderator-Designate of the New Zealand Presbyterian Church, accompanied by Mrs. Riddle and their two sons, has just concluded a two-months' visit to the New Hebrides. On returning to New Zealand from India where they have been labouring as missionaries for 27 years, they broke the journey at Vila in order to visit the islands with which they were formerly associated.

Mr. Riddle was a missionary on Epi for 8 years before embarking on his work in India, while Mrs. Riddle is a daughter of the late Rev. Peter Milne, of Nguna, where she spent her girlhood days. The natives of Nguna and Epi highly appreciated the friendly visit of Mr. and Mrs. Riddle, and accorded them a rapturous welcome, while Mr. Riddle's old friends sprang a surprise upon him by proposing that at the close of his Moderatorship in New Zealand, Mr. and Mrs. Riddle should return to Epi and spend the remaining years of their lives as their missionaries.

Still another surprise awaited them. The last thing they expected in the New Hebrides was to have their movements and dining appointments broadcast by radio, and in so doing, Mr. Harvey, of the Bonkovia Radio Station, Epi, did a signal favour to Mr. and Mrs. Riddle's friends throughout the New Hebrides.

The Foreign Missions Committee of the New Zealand Church commissioned Mr. Riddle to visit as many stations as possible with a view to laying before the Church a comprehensive survey of the existing situation in the New Hebrides. In pursuance of this plan, besides visiting Nguna and Epi, Mr. Riddle paid visits to Vila, Tongoa and Paama, where he had extended talks with the missionaries, elders and teachers.

A photograph of Mr. Riddle, and his outspoken denunciation of the conditions in the New Hebrides, are published elsewhere in this issue.

AMERICAN DEFENCES IN N.W. PACIFIC

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAWAII, June 20.
LATEST items in the expansion of the American defence scheme in the Pacific:

Work on the million-dollar project of converting Midway Island into a major naval warplane, submarine and destroyer base is proceeding ahead of schedule. The mine layer "Oglala" departs on July 8 with more workers, and the navy dredge "Hell Gate" leaves Honolulu, the same day, in tow of the navy tug "Sirius".

Secretary of the Navy, Claude Swanson, has set for July 15 in Washington a conference of experts to investigate and report upon need for additional naval bases in U.S. territories and islands in the Pacific.

Navy announced this week that the "U.S.S. McCall", Uncle Sam's newest destroyer, outside San Francisco, during a four-hours' test, steamed at 42 knots, believed to be the fastest speed ever attained by any naval vessel.

The American defence scheme, is aimed at Japan. Another U.S. Govt. department, bureau of commerce, announces that for the six months of 1938 ending June 1, Japan was the greatest purchaser of American made munitions and war materials. She purchased exactly 6,091,090 dollars worth. Catch is that America sold 5,819,739 worth to China during the same period. The total American war exports for the same period amounted to more than 31,000,000 dollars. Combined Japanese and Chinese purchases during the whole of 1937 were only 10,000,000 dollars worth.

A sum of 9,000,000 dollars has been voted for a dry dock at Honolulu, which will accommodate the largest battleships. Five million dollars will be devoted to a naval air base at Kodiak Island, off Northern Alaska, and 2,000,000 to harbour channel works at Midway Island.

Fifteen big Navy bombing seaplanes will be based on Guam, the southernmost island of the Marianne group, occupied by Japanese. The American naval outpost is literally surrounded by Japanese islands, the nearest of which is only 80 miles distant. A number of 6in. guns have been mounted at strategic points on the island, protecting the Pan American air base and the big wireless station. About 2,000 United States Marines are stationed there. The island is facetiously referred to as "America's suicide outpost".



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From Our Own Correspondent

SAMARAI, July 1.

THE Burns Philp inter-island motor-vessel "Lakatoi" arrived in Samarai, on her maiden voyage from Hong Kong, on June 9 under Captain T. Telleson. The voyage out occupied 17½ days. The "Lakatoi" is a vessel of 348 tons gross, and 179 tons nett, and she has accommodation for 16 passengers, in two-berth cabins.

This new vessel will replace the present "Matoma" on the Samarai-Misima service, the "Matoma" being too small for the present traffic.

The "Lakatoi" left Samarai for Rabaul on June 12, where she will relieve the "Muliama", which vessel has to go to Brisbane for docking. She later will return to Samarai and take up her running here about the end of July.

FIJI BUTTER

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, July 5.

GOOD success was gained by a sample of butter entered by the Fiji Pastoral Company in February last in the 33rd annual conference dairy produce exhibition in Australia. In Class 1 (12 weeks' stored butter for export, world championship) it scored 92 points out of a possible 100. The first four places were filled by Australian exhibits with scores ranging from 95 for first to 93½ for fourth.

This is an extremely creditable result, and Mr. Ernest Agate, manager of the Fiji Pastoral Co.'s factory at Navua, who prepared the butter for exhibition, has every reason to be proud of his success. It shows that Fiji butter can rank with the best produced in Australia and New Zealand.

The 56 lb. case of butter exhibited was subsequently sold in Sydney at 1/3½d. a lb.

Mrs. Charlotte McGoon Wilkinson, wife of the late Ratu Wilkinson, a paramount chief of Fiji, died at Vagadaci, Levuka, in June, aged nearly 80. She was subsequently sold in Sydney at pioneer settlers of the Colony.

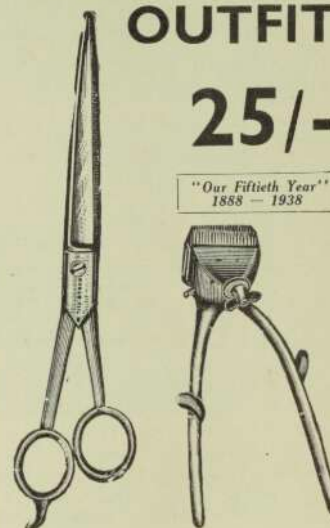
Mr. R. C. Kerkham, of the staff of Burns Philp (South Sea) Co., accompanied by Mrs. Kerkham, returned to Fiji from Samoa by the "Mariposa" in June.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ellis returned to Suva from New Zealand by the June "Monterey".

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It is a pictorial stamp, tool engraved, taken from a drawing by the French artist, Jean Kehor, depicting in the foreground a beach scene complete with trading post and copra canoe, and in the distance the volcanic island of Lopevi.

The picture is flanked by "tales" (New Hebridean native bird designs) — of which there are similar specimens in the Trocadero Museum, Paris. Above the "tales" appear the arms of England

and France, on either side; and beneath them, the price in francs "or" (gold).

There is, of course, an English and a French series. The English series has the famous C.A. (Crown Agents) and Crown watermark, appearing in whole or in part on each stamp. The French series has the large R.F., which covers a whole sheet of stamps; thus some of them show no watermark at all.

The new stamps were engraved by Bradbury Wilkinson, London, and were printed in England.

Dr. G. H. Vernon, having disposed of his interests at Daru (Western Papua) has settled down on a small coconut plantation on the coast, near Port Glasgow (Eastern Papua).

TONGA'S TRADE

Copra And Banana Exports

From Our Own Correspondent.

NUKUALOFA June 20.

THE statement of trade of the Kingdom of Tonga for 1937 discloses an upward trend in both imports and exports.

	1937	1936
Imports	£ 137,365	£ —
Exports	164,620	—
Total	301,985	208,835

Copra exported—		
Tons	12,288	11,899
Value	£158,133	£105,078
Bananas—		
Cases	13,715	25,928
Value	£4,128	£7,373

Most of the copra went to Europe. New Zealand takes all our bananas. The severe hurricane early in 1937 caused the decrease in banana exports.

The following comparative figures show the exports (copra and bananas) for the past five years:—

	Copra	
	Tons	£
1933	11,379	105,028
1934	10,154	59,941
1935	12,039	79,003
1936	11,899	105,078
1937	12,288	158,133
	Bananas	
	Cases	£
1933	16,777	3,699
1934	26,402	6,906
1935	29,793	8,352
1936	25,928	7,373
1937	13,715	4,128

As usual, Australia and New Zealand occupied first and second places respectively in the list of supplying countries; Australian imports being worth £36,678 and New Zealand £30,311. United Kingdom came third with £21,306 and Japan a close fourth with £20,009. U.S.A. with £10,914 took fifth place. The balance of the import trade—£18,157—were contributed by other countries, foremost amongst which were India, Canada, Fiji, Dutch East Indies and Germany.

A total of 30 vessels entered during the year, with total tonnage of 69,914. British tonnage was 54,447; Swedish 12,430; Panamanian American, Japanese and Tongan combined 3,037. The first Japanese vessel to visit Tongan waters came during the year. Inter-islands communication was maintained by a fleet of Tongan-owned cutters.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Macgregor, of Madang, New Guinea, have returned to the Territory from a visit to the East. Mr. Macgregor spent a few weeks in a Sydney hospital early in the year, but is now in good health.

It is noted in the annual report of the Royal Geographical Society that the Council has awarded the Gill Memorial to Mr. Ivan Champion, for his explorations and surveys in Papua.

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This photograph, of the Fifth Suva St. John's Melanesian Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs, shows a side of a valuable, but little-known work that is proceeding in Fiji. In Fiji, there is a con-

siderable community of Solomon Islanders, and the Rev. Harold Irving is the missionary in charge of all work done there for the Solomons people. He has organised this healthy-looking

party of Boy Scouts, and is the Scoutmaster. The troop is 18 months and the pack four months old. It is hoped to send some of the older boys to the New Zealand jamboree in 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Francis sailed from Sydney for Raga, New Hebrides, by the "Morinda" on June 23. Mr. Francis, who has been engaged in mission work for the Melanesian Mission for more than 12 years, returned to Lama Lana, Raga, where he will resume his duties.

Sister Lucy Willoughby, of the Anglican Mission at Wanigela, Papua, returned from Sydney to the Territory recently by the "Macdhui". Miss Willoughby, who has been on furlough at Melbourne, Victoria, is a nursing sister at the native school at Wanigela.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Baldwin, of Salamaua, N.G., left the Territory recently on a tour through Japan and China, after which they will proceed to Sydney and Melbourne, where they will spend leave. Mr. Baldwin is merchandise manager of B.P.'s branch at Salamaua.



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HOW "SCOTTIE" JACKSON MET HIS DEATH

IN a recent issue of the "P.I.M.", you mentioned "Scottie" Jackson, who was associated with Dick Roche in connection with Dutch New Guinea; and you said that there was a "mystery" associated with "Scottie's" death.

I knew "Scottie" rather well. I first met him at Lae, New Guinea, where at that time he was erecting the first sawn timber house for Guinea Airways, in 1928. He was one of those venturesome and I may say, wandering characters that we frequently read of in novels. He was a prospector; and for a time he worked on the Black Cat, in the

ranges between Salamaua and Wau.

It was while on a prospecting trip in Papua, in "uncomfortable" country, that "Scottie" met his death accidentally. Returning to his tent, or hut, he threw his gun on to his bunk, and it went off and shot "Scottie" in the stomach.

"Scottie" was respected by all who knew him. He always saw the bright side of things. He used to boast of being a naturalised Dutchman, and used to take a holiday on the Queen of Holland's birthday.

"Scottie" was an authority on birds, and was at home in the bush.

The cause of his death is generally known to the "old hands" of the Morobe District.—H. G. ECKHOFF.

PROGRESS OF GOLDMINING IN FIJI



The mining industry at Tavua, Fiji, seems to be settling down to a long life. Both of the mines in operation (Emperor and Loloma) employ large staffs. The flotation plant for Loloma is being erected, and a new wharf on the coast, and three miles of road to connect with the goldfield are under construction. The wharf will berth ships up to 10,000 tons.

Photographs show:—Top: The gardens and lawns with which the Fijians employed at the mines surround their houses. Middle: The bungalows of the married men, Loloma staff. Lower: A happy group of Fijians, showing the flower-beds and whitewashed stones which surround every house.

Mr. E. Moon, of the passenger department of the Union Steam Ship Co., Wellington, N.Z., has been appointed manager of the Co.'s branch in Apia, Western Samoa.

Mr. Karl Nagy, of Guinea Airways, Ltd., Lae, New Guinea, flew over to Port Moresby early in June to meet the incoming "Macdhui" bringing his bride-to-be, Miss Alice Casey, of Malvern, Victoria. They were married on June 10 at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Port Moresby, and continued round to Lae on board the "Macdhui".

Mr. Elves, representing one of the large Canadian nickel concerns, arrived in Noumea, New Caledonia, in June by the "Pierre Loti".

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MEMORIAL TO EX-ADMINISTRATOR OF SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, July 2.

THE death of the former Administrator of Western Samoa, Major General Sir George Richardson, in his 70th year, at Auckland, on June 12, caused sincere regret in all circles here. An appeal has been launched for subscriptions to perpetuate the memory of Sir George by erecting a memorial in Apia.

During his term as Administrator, from 1923 to 1928, Sir George rendered important and lasting services to the welfare and development of the Territory. He was responsible for the inauguration of the banana export industry, the installation of a hydro-electric plant, and a town water supply, the building of the Customs wharf and the promotion of the interests of the "local-born" population.

Brother Berginus, Provincial of the Marist Brothers' schools in New Zealand, was in Western Samoa at the end of June on a visit of inspection. It is his sixth annual trip to Apia.

Mr. E. H. Pratten, of Sydney was making an inspection of G.M.P. Mine at Misima Island in June. He left Samarai for Misima by the "Matoma" on June 9, and expected to return to Sydney by the July "Macdhu".

Missionaries' Long Trek

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, July 6.

FATHERS Grammand and Wendley, of the Sacred Heart Mission, recently arrived in Port Moresby and are the guests of Father McEncroe at the Roman Catholic Presbytery. The two Fathers walked overland, starting from Fane, in the Ononge District, the most remote mission station in the mountains of the Central Division, far inland from Yule Island.

The country through which they travelled is extremely broken and their route took them over ranges which tower one above the other and across torrents which wind tortuously in and out of precipitous ravines. Reaching Douramoku in the Kanosia district, the two Fathers picked up Father Flynn, and reached Bomana, near Port Moresby, after a seven days' trek covering over 200 miles.

After a few days in Port Moresby, Fathers Grammand and Wendley will return to Ononge again on foot, but it is understood they are taking a more northerly route from the Laloki. This journey could be covered under two hours by air, but the flight offers little attraction to the Mission Fathers, who find that they maintain closer contact with the people of the hills by the old-fashioned method of visiting them on foot.

PAPUAN "HEAD HUNTERS"

Letter to the Editor.

I HAVE read the extract from some Sydney "flapper paper", published in your Tropicalities column in April, giving a report by Mr. Baskett relating to head hunters in Papua. I must say it is hard to understand how people can report such nonsense.

With the exception of incidents reported by a few good patrols into uncontrolled areas in Western Division recently, head hunting has been unknown in my time of residence, which is over 30 years. Now we read this silly nonsense, that Mr. Baskett has discovered 3,000 in 16 months and won them over as converts by using the Oxford Group Sign Language.

Surely Mr. Baskett knows that the Territory is patrolled by Government Patrol Officers continuously, and I am sure no head-hunting has been published in the Governor's Annual Report.

I know there are wild-pig-hunters, but I cannot trace head-hunters. But perhaps they were attracted from the hills behind Kwiara boat-slip by the sound of the bag-pipes and the Oxford Sign Language applied there.

It really seems that this silly nonsense is nothing but a publicity "stunt". Otherwise, what is the object of such rubbish?

I am etc.,
V. P.

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Miss Lucy Cranwell, M.A., botanist at the Auckland, N.Z., museum, and Miss Katherine Luomala, Ph.D., of Chicago, U.S.A., have been awarded Yale fellowships at the Bishop museum at Honolulu, Hawaii. The fellowships at the museum are awarded annually by Yale University and the Bishop museum trustees, who select the fellowships which are open to the world.

N.M.P.'s Help to Save Native Races

Good Work In New Hebrides

THE Native Medical Practitioner is a new departure in the New Hebrides, and marks an important milestone in the progress and development of the native race.

After completing his three years' course of study in the Fiji medical school, Daniel Kalorib, the first N.M.P. from the New Hebrides, is busy at work in the Paton Memorial Hospital, Vila. Clad in his smart dispensary outfit, and surrounded by a queue of waiting patients, he looks in his natural element, dealing with the suffering humanity of his own race.

The N.M.P., graduating to-day from the Fiji school of medicine, knows far more about tropical diseases than the foreign doctors who, in the early days of European settlement, came to the islands

from London or Edinburgh schools. During the past quarter of a century, tropical medicine has worked almost magical achievements and, in spite of limited resources, the Islands Hospitals have passed on to the natives the benefits of scientific research.

In the pioneering days, doctors had to depend on few tools, and a comparatively small equipment of medicines. Their first operations were performed in primitive surroundings and their instruments sterilised in homely saucepans. Those pioneers had to depend upon such casual help as they could obtain to administer the anaesthetic, and it was always necessary for the surgeon to keep one eye on the operation and the other on the anaesthetist. To the unsophisticated natives of a past generation anaesthetics were a source of perennial wonder, while the spectacular results of surgery made a more realistic impression upon them than on the blasé descendants of to-day.

Within recent years, a new and promising field has been opened for Native Practitioners in administering intravenous inoculations against the island disease of Yaws, a scourge which was pretty well universal among the natives, and was slowly undermining the virility of the race.

This branch of medical service, which in other lands belongs to the Department of Public Health, has hitherto been regarded as an essential part of a missionary's province; but, with the advent of the N.M.P.'s there will be delegated to them an ever-increasing share of the medical treatment which scientific research has found to be indispensable in stemming the tide of depopulation and promoting the welfare of the native race. It is singularly appropriate that the natives, themselves, should have a share in the stirring drama of racial recovery, by joining forces with the volunteers from overseas, who are striving to reach the remote outposts of every island with the remedial measures upon which the conservation of the native race depends.

Unstinted approbation must be given the Rockefeller Health Board for the yeoman service it rendered the New Hebrides native race by conducting an island-wide campaign against the twin scourges of Yaws and Hookworm. Their representative, W. J. Tully, who won universal esteem, spent 2½ years in the Group, going from island to island, treating all natives who came to him and giving them free injections. The results, following the injections, were as spectacular as they were efficacious, and completely broke down the old hostility and prejudice of the natives against the white man's medicine.

When Mr. Tully was engaged on the island of Paama, a lad, 16 years of age, was carried on a stretcher from a distant village and laid on the ground beside the dispensary table. The Yaws virus had eaten into the bones and, for two years, Apok had quite lost the use of his limbs. Disregarding a long queue of patients, Mr. Tully administered an anti-Yaws inoculation and then, turning to the stretcher-bearers, requested them to bring Apok back in a week's time for a second injection.

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along on his own legs for the second injection, and was told to come back in a week's time for a third. Smiling and happy, and feeling quite chirpy, Apok appeared for his third injection without the crutches. With a twinkle in his eye Mr. Tully advised him to have still another inoculation before he started to play football. Sure enough, in a few weeks time, Apok was on the football field.

It was not surprising that, with such cures to his credit, pretty well the whole population came forward for injections of what they called "the wonder medicine". Natives themselves now recognise that it is one thing which will stem the tide of depopulation and give the New Hebrides a new lease of life.

Most welcome are the signs of recuperative power that are already manifest on islands that for many years have been threatened with the spectre of depopulation. A new spirit of hopefulness is abroad.

For more than a century, the shuttle of European impact has been driven backwards and forwards across the face of the islands and broken down the ancestral life of the people. The natives were face to face with forces they could neither resist nor understand. With unknown diseases depopulating the islands, and the ancestral mode of life crumbling before their eyes, the elders of the people were stricken with the most hopeless of maladies—despair.

But signs are not wanting that they are regaining faith in themselves. A struggle is in progress to preserve the soul of the people. Security is replacing fear. A new islander is already on the arena; not really a new man, but one compounded of new growth and age-long ideas.—M.F.

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The Lt.-Governor of Papua (Sir Hubert Murray, accompanied by the Official Secretary (Hon. H. L. Murray) left on the Government yacht "Laura-baba" on June 22 for an inspection of eastern and south-eastern stations. His Excellency returned to Port Moresby early in July.

5,000 CASES OF ORANGES LOST

Misfortune In Cook Is.

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, June 23.
DURING the last trip of the "Matua" to the Cook Group, rough seas prevented the loading of over 5,000 cases of oranges from the island of Mauke.

As this was their first shipment this season, special care and attention had been taken by the natives with the picking and packing, as they wished to create a good name for Mauke oranges on the N.Z. market. They were bitterly disappointed, and much criticism has been levelled at the Union Steam Ship Co. for not allowing the "Matua" to return to Mauke, after loading at Rarotonga and Mangaia, as by that time calm seas prevailed at Mauke.

Besides the loss to the growers, the U.S.S. Co. themselves lost over £1,000 in freight.

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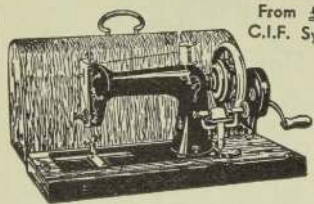
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From Our Own Correspondent.

SAMARAI, June 25.

MR. FRED. RENNELLS leaves Samarai by this "Macdhui", after having been in the Territory for fifteen years. He has been skipper of the "MacLaren King", and was very popular. On Friday, the residents gathered at the Memorial Hall, to bid farewell to Mr. Rennells and to wish him very many happy years in Australia, where he will in future reside. Many friendly things were said, the speakers including Mr. G. E. Aumuller, Right Rev. Dr. Strong, Rev. Thompson, Mr. R. Armstrong and Mr. O'Donnell; and then Mr. Rennells was presented with a wallet of notes.

Dr. D. C. McE. Macpherson, Government Pathologist at Suva, left Fiji by the "Mariposa" on June 30, en route to Scotland on leave.

Mr. George Brett, of Samarai, Papua, who has been on a business and health-recruiting trip to Sydney, left for home by the "Macdhui" early in July.

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Miss Betty Harper, daughter of Dr. P. Harper, of Fiji, will shortly be married to Mr. E. Moulton, of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co., Macnade, Herbert River, Queensland.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Greenwood, of Rabaul, New Guinea, arrived in Australia by the last "Neptuna" on a vacation trip.

Miss Beatrice Grimshaw, the well-known Islands authoress who now is living in N. S. W. after some years in Papua, paid a visit to Thursday Island early in July.

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Fashion Hints for Islands Women

By Therese.

THERE is not a dull moment in the forecast of the new season's fashions. The stage is set for a lavish production and the variety is the best ever offered.

Lace, beloved of designers, has rushed to the forefront and is worn for both day and evening. It comes in many designs and sometimes boldly prints itself with brilliant colours. Stiff lace is popular, and an evening gown of burgundy lace over a foundation of pink taffeta is something to dream about. The gown's bodice is made halter fashion and the skirt has flowing fullness from the hips.

The newest print effects are lovely. Huge flowers of brilliant contrasting colours sprawl over the surface or demure rows of tiny flowers give the effect of stripes and are usually in one or two colours on a light or dark ground.

Flowers have been ousted from chiffons and in their place are stripes of many brilliant colour combinations giving this delightful material a new lease of life. A foundation frock of Roman stripes dons a hem-length coat of black chiffon which buttons tightly to the hip line and flows loosely open in front, revealing the foundation. The coat's sleeves are of the short puff variety. The frock without the coat is equally effective. Little-girl frills edge the corset waist and halter neck, and the skirt is very full.

CCHARMING frocks are made of gay silk or rayon prints and the accompanying coats of plain fabric are lined with the gay print of the frock. This is very new and the same treatment can be given to short coats and boleros with equally good results.

Boleros, by the way, are still popular for day and evening. A dark skirt with a blouse of gipsy stripes reaching to the hips in corset effect has a bolero to match the skirt, and is outstanding in its chic. Back-to-front boleros for evening are amusing and are made of lace or contrasting material.

Evening dresses are slightly period, and by the addition to her wardrobe of several Edwardian gowns the Duchess of Kent has popularised this particular period to good effect. Coiffures undergo a complete change with this mode.

Broad shaped petersham belts are worn with day and evening gowns or are part of the gown itself. This corset effect is seen on most of the frocks, one designer extending it well down over the hips with a trim pleated skirt below.

Afternoon dresses have high necklines and full short skirts with body defining waists. Spectator sports frocks, still short, are slim and straight with a few clever pleats to give desired width. The jackets of two-piece suits are slightly longer than previously, with the skirts also definitely short. This does not mean knee length, a fact that must be well remembered, but an inch or so above the calf which reveals to a nicety the curve of the leg.

THE heart-shaped décolletage is definitely acclaimed by fashion and when it appears on the frock of printed silk for afternoon wear it is an immediate success. Pleats have come into their own again, narrow pleats swinging from an Empire waistline. The bodice of the frock is the cross-over variety and the sleeves elbow length.

Zipper pockets—four of them in a line, two on the bodice and two on the hips—trim a tailored frock that buttons at the neck line with four buttons and repeats the button note on the short sleeves. This type of frock is an all purpose one, suitable for spectator sports, morning, or informal afternoon wear.

able for spectator sports, morning, or informal afternoon wear.

A touch of white at the throat is flattering and this can be supplied with white pique bows. Bows, incidentally, are highlights of fashion and they perch perkily on all sorts of unexpected places.

A buttoned frill is a happy idea for the change-about accessory. It comes on and off at will and turns the sports frock into a formal afternoon frock by its addition. There are several ways that changes can be rung. Scarves, flowers, gay handkerchiefs, and boleros all give a foundation frock an entirely different aspect and are well worthy of consideration.

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woman's appearance. The right shoe for the right occasion, the correct choice of gloves, the clever and discriminating choice of dressmaker jewellery, the hat to suit the frock and so on, all add their quota to chic.

Sporting occasions demand comfortable accessories. Cool flexible shoes with Cuban heels are the answer, and with them neat hand-stitched fabric gloves in white or maize. The bag should be as cool and suitable as the rest of the accessories—plain and sporting. It may be slung over the shoulder or carried by little handles.

The stitched suede or fabric glove is always right for morning and formal occasions. For afternoon, however, both gloves and bag may take a few liberties of design, always being careful, of course, to avoid exaggerated effects. Suede gloves with kid palms are news in the

fashion world and the stitching runs right up to the tiny gauntlet cuff.

The glamour story may be told in gloves, bag and shoes for festive occasions. Gloves are sequin and rhinestone trimmed and are in varying lengths, and the bags tell the same glittering tale. The sandal for evening never loses its charm and is of gold and silver kid or a mixture of kid and the fabric of the gown.

Some of the latest dressmaker jewellery is really lovely and looks like old French paste, but a little, well-chosen, must be the rule.

Mrs. Charles Cleveland arrived in Australia from Thursday Island by the last "Marella".

Mr. A. E. Saxton, secretary of the Rabaul Electricity, left Rabaul, N.G., recently after a visit of several weeks.

RETURNING TO THE ISLANDS



Top row: Mr. and Mrs. Launcelot Owen sailed from Sydney for Port Moresby, Papua, by the June "Montoro". Mr. Owen, a well-known British geologist, is connected with Papuan Apinaipi Petroleum Ltd., and is in charge of a geological party which is photographing the Company's area in the Gulf Division from the aeroplane shipped to the Territory on the same vessel.

Bottom row: Mrs. W. H. Parer and her twins, Carolin and Robert, with her husband's cousin, Mr. A. F. Parer, prior to sailing for Salamaua, New Guinea, by the "Neptuna" on July 2. She spent several months' holiday in Queensland and Victoria.

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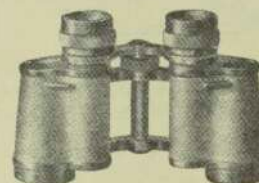
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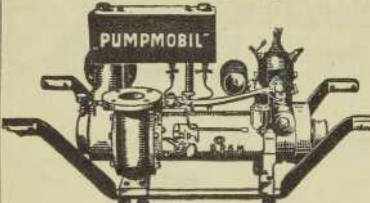
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FIJI.			
	Mid-Feb.	Mid-May.	Mid-July.
Emperor Mines	b11/9	b11/9	b12/4
Koroere	s4/3	b1/8	—
Loloma	b17/10 1/2	b22/6	b21/6
Mt. Kasi	b4/3	b4/5	b4/5
Tavua Dev.	—	—	b2d.
Vatu Kasia	s1/6	b6d	s1/6

NEW GUINEA.			
	b11d	b8 1/2d	b11 1/2d
Bulolo Deposits	—	—	—
Bulolo G.D.	s£7	b£6/5/	b£6/15/6
Enterprise of	—	—	—
N.G.	b£12/6	b20/	b15/
Guinea Gold	b13/3	b13/9	b14/5
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Oil Search	b6/6	b6/2	b7/6
Placer Dev.	s£2 1/19/	b£3/13/	s£4
Sandy Ck.	b1/6	s1/3	b1/2
Sunshine Gold	b11/6	b11/6	b10/4

PAPUA.			
Cuthbert's	b21/6	b20/	b17/6
G.M. of Papua	b9/10	b6/7	b6/10
Mandated All.	b9d	b2/1	b2/3
Oriomo Exp.	b3/2	b2/9	b3/
Papuan Apinai	—	—	b7/3
Yodda Gold Co	b2d	b6d	s6d

PACIFIC MINING REPORTS

From Fiji

EMPEROR MINES LTD.
THE Melbourne Stock Exchange has granted official quotation to 50,000 fully paid shares of 10/- in Emperor Mines Ltd., which are to be distributed among shareholders of Koroere Gold N.L. The Co.'s last report showed the following production figures:—

Fours weeks ended				
	Apr.	May	June	July
Ore treated, tons	11,444	13,070	14,464	14,748
Head, value, dwt.	7	6.5	6.5	6.2
Gold, oz., fine	3,719.3	3,932	4,178	4,166.6

Koroere Area: Prospecting continued and road being constructed for haulage of ore to Emperor mill. Vatu Wharf: Erection of mole in progress. Road from main road to wharf site under construction. Lime Production: Construction of road to quarry site has been commenced. Other preparatory work in progress.

LOLOMA (FIJI) GOLD MINES N.L.
July production figures of Loloma (Fiji) Gold Mines N.L. show a decreased gold output compared with April, May and June, although nearly 50 oz. of silver were recovered in excess of the previous month's figure. Details:—

Four weeks ended				
	Apr. 20.	May 18.	June 15.	July 13.
Tons treated	1,980	2,050	1,860	1,928
Gold, oz., fine	2,603	2,691	2,573	2,532
Silver, oz., fine	470	486	516	572
Residue, per ton, dwt.	1.95	1.9	1.85	1.76

MT. KASI MINES LTD.
Comparative yields from the Mt. Kasi mine, Vavua Levu, for the past four months have been:—

Four weeks ended:				
	Mar. 23	Apr. 20	May 18	June 15
Ore, tons	3,128	2,870	3,050	2,749
Gold, fine, oz.	661	647	626	608
Value, £A.	5,784	5,661	5,477	5,320

From New Caledonia

CHROME ALLUVIALS LTD.
THE directors of Chrome Alluvials Ltd., which operates in New Caledonia, report that all difficulties, except the labour force, have been overcome. This disability will be rectified by obtaining indentured labour. It is proposed to instal a larger pumping plant so that the water supply for the mill can be supplemented from the sea during dry periods if necessary. The directors have gone carefully into the financial position and the matter of funds required for additional plant and spares with the company's engineer, Mr. A. Mackintosh Reid, and are satisfied that funds to be raised by a debenture issue and by the sale of product on hand will finance the company until returns from chrome are available.

The market for chrome, they state, is assured. Since the company was incorporated there has been a steady increase in price, which is now at least 25 per cent. higher than the price on which their estimates were based. Extensive additional areas have been taken up, which, once the company has been established as a regular producer, will be turned to account. A meeting to enable shareholders to meet Mr. Mackintosh Reid, who is visiting Australia, was held on June 30.

From New Guinea

SANDY CREEK GOLD SLUICING LTD.
THE mine manager of Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing Ltd. reported early in July that June production compared with the three previous months as follows:—

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	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.
Cubic yards	17,260	18,790	20,119	18,949
Gold, oz.	338	212	446	292
Per c.y.	2/10½	1/8½	3/4	2/9
Working cost	1/1	1/4	1/4	1/3½

BULOLO GOLD DEPOSITS LTD.

The following yields have been reported by Bulolo Gold Deposits Ltd., New Guinea:—

	Mar. to Apr. 27	April 28 to June 3	June 4 to July 5
Morobe Alluvials—			
Hours	825	725	575
Cubic yards	8,500	7,000	10,000
Gold, oz.	130	130	140
Morobe Deposits—			
Hours	850	420	480
Cubic yards	4,000	3,000	5,000
Gold, oz.	50	35	40

NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS LTD.

The following progress report covering March to June has been issued by New Guinea Goldfields Ltd.:—

	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.
Eddie Creek mill—				
Gold, oz., fine	758	744	894	1,126
Silver, oz. fine	2,845	2,529	3,001	3,906
Alluvial—				
Gold, oz., fine	1,163	959	1,107	1,185
Silver, oz. fine	847	684	785	838
Golden Ridges mill—				
Gold, oz., fine	50	—	—	—
Silver, oz. fine	55	—	—	—

Operating profit—
Eddie Creek £1,427* £1,206* £234* £1,588
Alluvial 4,286 2,880 3,979 4,639
Golden Ridges 411 — — —
*Operating loss.

Golden Ridges mill has been shut down since the beginning of the year to allow alterations to be made in the mill and revise the treatment process. Operations will commence again at the end of July.

SUNSHINE GOLD DEVELOPMENT N.L.

The Company's clean-up for June yielded 306 oz. gold. This compares with previous production as follows:—

	April.	May.	June.
Hours	502	423	—
Yards	—	23,400	—
Gold, oz.	325½	335½	306

*April and May.

ENTERPRISE OF NEW GUINEA

The general manager of Enterprise of N.G. Gold and Petroleum Development N.L. reports that production of unrefined retorted alluvial gold from all sources for June was 34oz. 6dwt. from 2,046 cubic yards wash dirt and 584 cubic yards overburden.

BULOLO GOLD DREDGING LTD.

The June output of the six dredges of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd. on the Morobe goldfield, New Guinea, compares with the two previous yields as follows:—

	April.	May.	June.
Cubic yards	1,117,000	1,248,000	1,184,000
Bullion, oz.	17,420	22,461	18,285
Gold, fine, oz.	12,020	15,499	12,603
Value—			
Aust. currency*	£105,175	£135,616	£110,276
Value, per c.y.	/22.6	/26.8	/22.3
Working profit	£73,745	£100,038	£75,967

*At £A8/15/ per fine ounce.

From Papua

YODDA GOLDFIELDS LTD.

YODDA Goldfields Ltd. has decided to reduce the capital of the Company from £25,000 to £10,000 by reducing the value of the 100,000 shares from 5/- to 2/- each by cancelling 3/- a share.

Gold valued at £3,640 was won from 41,010 cubic yards during the year ended April 30, the average value being 1/9 a cubic yard. Operations resulted in a loss of £405. Numerous difficulties were encountered, the directors report, but better results are now being obtained, and they hope to be able to announce a dividend shortly.

The Company's yield for June was 57oz. gold.

PAPUAN APINAIPI PETROLEUM CO. LTD.

Mr. Launcelot Owen, petroleum geologist, at a meeting of the shareholders of the Papuan Apinaiapi Petroleum Company Ltd., held in Sydney recently, said that the surface evidence at the Company's Olapu dome was favourable to the occurrence of commercial oil

at depth. Rarely in his 20 years of professional experience, he said, had he been able to give such a definite report as he had on the Olapu structure. The chairman, Mr. W. M. Marks, said that the directors had carried out the preliminary work outlined in the prospectus, after close co-ordination with and to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth Oil Advisory Committee. Dr. Wade and Dr. Ward, of that committee. Mr. Marks added, had stated that they were impressed by Mr. Owen's report, and that they proposed to visit the area at an early date.

A report from the field manager in early July stated that drilling had commenced on the Olapu area, and that 22ft. was drilled on July 4. The aerial survey of the Company's area has begun.

A report on July 18 stated that the Olapu bore was down to 243 ft. and that gas was struck at 224 ft.

CUTHBERT'S MISIMA GOLD MINE LTD.

Figures for the monthly clean-up on June 23 from the mine in Eastern Papua, owned by Cuthbert's Misima Gold Mine Ltd., compare with the previous two months as follows:—

	Mar. 23	Apr. 23	June 23
Ore treated, tons	2,805	2,656	2,552
Bullion, oz.	2,814	2,496	2,274
Gold, fine ozs.	845	764	733
Silver, fine ozs.	1,550	1,503	1,445
*Est. value	£6,833	£6,184	£5,950

Value of ton of ore

ore 48/9 46/7 46/8

*Gold at £8 an oz., Australian currency.

†Two working days lost, short month.

MANDATED ALLUVIALS N.L.

Mandated Alluvials N.L. reports that the assay of the second shipment of matte from the mine near Port Moresby, Papua, gave 189 oz. gold, 431oz. silver, and 6 tons copper. The

third shipment of matte now ready is of less tonnage, but much higher grade. Smelter operations were temporarily suspended in mid-

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July owing to shortage of native labour. This is not expected to be of long duration, and, in the meantime, all available labour is concentrated on the mining of ore and accumulation of reserves for the next run.

GOLD MINES OF PAPUA LTD.

The June report of Gold Mines of Papua Ltd., Misima Island, Eastern Papua, states:—

	April.	May.	June.
Crushed, tons	1,375	1,600	1,690
Gold	£930	£1,630	£1,775

Although the mine-head values and plant residue values are satisfactory, the Company reports a loss of gold is still occurring. An exhaustive sampling campaign is at present in progress under the supervision of Mr. D. F. Scott. Recent extensive mine sampling fully confirms the mine valuation.

BORNEO OPTIONS N.L.

The Sydney representative of Borneo Options, N.L., has secured a contract for the purchase of 50,000 tons of manganese ore from the mine at Kapa Kapa, Papua. Delivery of 8,000 tons is to be made by November. The balance of the order is to be spread over 12 months.

From The Solomons

GUADALCANAL LTD., which was formed five years ago to undertake mining in the British Solomon Islands and elsewhere, is still without a suitable property, no active operations being carried out in 1937. The directors state that no expense will be incurred before thorough consideration of the possibilities of any proposition submitted to the Company. Accumulated debit balance at December 31 was £5,781. Paid-up capital is £6,000. Liquid assets amount to £219.

People from all districts of Western and Eastern Samoa in June celebrated the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the first missionaries of the Latter Day Saints Mission in Samoa.

A Tahitian was killed in an unusual accident when he was walking beside the road to Haapape, in June. As a motor truck passed, one of the side curtains blew out and its weighted end struck the native's skull, killing him instantly.

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Aug. 7 to Sept. 3

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6.45	Sporting News.
7.00	(Saturday excluded) Markets and Weather for North Australia.
7.15	Overseas News Service.
7.40	Talk.
8.50	(Usually) Musical Programme.
10.30	Australasian News Service.
10.50	Musical Programme.
11.30	Close.

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7.35	Sporting Highlights of the Week.
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p.m.	
1.30	Close.
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6.30	Talk.

6.50 News Bulletin.
7.00 "Alice in Orchestrabilia".
7.30 Recordings of Overseas Artists.
8.30 Talk on International Affairs.
10.20 News.
10.30 Close.
(Times given are Australian Eastern Standard—10 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.)

AUGUST 7 TO SEPTEMBER 3.

Aug. 7 (Sun.).—9.30 a.m. Desmond Tanner (Electric Organ); 10.30 "From The Operas"; 5.30 p.m. Children's Play; 7.30 Dr. Sargent (Melbourne Symphony Orchestra); 8.50 Stella Power (Soprano); 9.30 "Soft Lights and Sweet Music".

Aug. 8 (Mon.).—8 p.m. "Into The Light";

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9 Revue; 9.30 Choral Cavalcade; 9.50 Travel Letter; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Durham.

Aug. 9 (Tues.).—8 p.m. Richard Tauber; 9.30 Talk; 9.45 "Song of Miriam"; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Durham.

Aug. 10 (Wed.).—8 p.m. Request Items; 8.50 "Emma and Erbert"; 9 "At The Sign of The Maison Rouge"; 9.30 "Captain Kettle"; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Surrey.

Aug. 11 (Thurs.).—8 p.m. "The Play's The Thing"; 8.50 Piano Recital; 9.10 Richard Tauber; 10.15 Dance Music; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Surrey.

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Aug. 12 (Fri.).—8 p.m. A.B.C. Dance Band; 8.30 Desmond Tanner and Al Hammett; 9 Launceston (Sat.); 10.30 Scores Australia v. Surrey.

Aug. 13 (Sat.).—8 p.m. Dr. Sargent and Sigurd Rascher; 8.50 Guila Bustabo (Violinist); 9.10 Richard Tauber; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Kent.

Aug. 14 (Sun.).—10.15 a.m. Book Review; 3.30 p.m. Organ Recital; 5.20 Children's Play; 7.30 Dr. Sargent (Melbourne Symphony Orchestra); 8.50 Piano Recital; 9.10 Play.

Aug. 15 (Mon.).—8 p.m. "Into The Light"; 9 Revue; 9.30 "Choral Cavalcade"; 9.50 Travel Letter; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Kent.

Aug. 16 (Tues.).—8.05 p.m. Richard Tauber; 9.45 Talk; 10 A.B.C. Dance Band; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Kent.

Aug. 17 (Wed.).—8 p.m. Request Items; 8.50 "Emma and Erbert"; 9 "At The Sign of The Maison Rouge"; 9.30 "Captain Kettle"; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Army.

Aug. 18 (Thurs.).—8 p.m. "The Play's The Thing"; 9 "The Spectre's Bride"; 10 Talk; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Army.

Aug. 19 (Fri.).—8 p.m. A.B.C. Dance Band; 8.30 Desmond Tanner and Al Hammett; 9 Sketch; 9.50 Harold McMurtrie (Baritone); 10 String Quartet.

Aug. 20 (Sat.).—8 p.m. Jim Davidson's Band; 8.25 5th Test (Kennington Oval) and National Programme.

Aug. 21 (Sun.).—10.15 a.m. Book Review; 10.30 "From The Operas"; 3.30 p.m. Organ Recital; 8.50 Comedy Harmonists; 9.30 "Soft Lights and Sweet Music".

Aug. 22 (Mon.).—8 p.m. "Into The Light"; 8.25 5th Test (Kennington Oval) and National Programme.

Aug. 23 (Tues.).—8 p.m. A.B.C. Dance Band; 8.25 5th Test and National Programme.

Aug. 24 (Wed.).—8 p.m. Military Band; 8.25 5th Test and National Programme.

Aug. 25 (Thurs.).—8 p.m. "The Play's The Thing"; 9.10 Violin Recital (Guila Bustabo); 10 Jim Davidson's Dandies.

Aug. 26 (Fri.).—8 p.m. Jim Davidson's Band; 8.30 Desmond Tanner and Al Hammett; 10 "We Present—"

Aug. 27 (Sat.).—8 p.m. Dr. Sargent (Brisbane Symphony Orchestra); 9.20 Sketch; 9.40 Richard Tauber; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Sussex.

Aug. 28 (Sun.).—10.15 a.m. Book Review; 10.30 "From The Operas"; 7.30 p.m. Dr. Sargent (Brisbane Symphony Orchestra); 8.50 John Lemmon (Flautist); 9.10 Play.

Aug. 29 (Mon.).—8 p.m. "Into The Light"; 9 Revue; 9.30 "Choral Cavalcade"; 9.50 Travel Letter; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Sussex.

Aug. 30 (Tues.).—8.05 p.m. Recital (Guila Bustabo); 9.15 Australian Composers; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Sussex.

Aug. 31 (Wed.).—8 p.m. Dr. Sargent and Wireless Chorus; 10.05 Military Band; 10.30 Military Band; 10.30 Scores Australia v. An English XI.

Sept. 1 (Thurs.).—8 p.m. "The Play's The Thing"; 9.15 Violin Recital; 10.15 Jim Davidson's Dandies; 10.30 Scores Australia v. An English XI.

Sept. 2 (Fri.).—8 p.m. A.B.C. Dance Band; 8.30 Desmond Tanner and Al Hammett; 10.30 Scores Australia v. An English XI.

Sept. 3 (Sat.).—8 p.m. "Hassan" (Part I); 9.40 Richard Tauber; 10.30 Scores Australia v. An English XI.

Exchange Rates

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THE following exchange quotations, gathered in Sydney, show the rates existing in July:—

FIJI—THROUGH BANK OF N.S.W. AND BANK OF NEW ZEALAND

Australia on Fiji on basis of £100 Fiji: Buying £A111/2/6, selling £A113.
Fiji-London on basis £100 London:—

	Buying.	Selling.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Telegraphic transfer ..	110 15 0	112 0 0
On demand	110 12 6	111 17 6

DIRECT TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES

Quoted by
BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES
in Australia.

	Australia on Papeete.	Francs to £
	Australian	
Average for week ended 27/6/38 ..	139.39	
Average for week ended 4/7/38 ..	139.37	
Average for week ended 11/7/38 ..	139.83	
Average for week ended 18/7/38 ..	139.80	

	Australia on Noumea.	Francs to £
	Australian	
Average for week ended 27/6/38 ..	139.24	
Average for week ended 4/7/38 ..	139.22	
Average for week ended 11/7/38 ..	139.68	
Average for week ended 18/7/38 ..	139.65	

NEW GUINEA AND PAPUA— THROUGH COMMONWEALTH BANK

From Australia, Pt. Moresby 10/- per cent.; on Rabaul 10/- per cent.—Other New Guinea districts £1 per cent.

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Australia on Papua 10/- per cent. premium each way, equivalent to commission of 10/- per cent.; Australia on Rabaul 10/- per cent. premium.

Papua and New Guinea on London: Same as Australia on London and vice versa.

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Drafts, Sydney-Noumea and Noumea-Sydney, are on basis of current rate of exchange on Paris, less 1% per cent. (approx.) either way. As quoted by the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, in Sydney, and the Banque de l'Indochine, Noumea; On July 18, when the Australian £ was nominally worth 142 francs, £100 Australian would purchase a draft in Noumea of 14,080 francs.

WESTERN SAMOA—THROUGH BANK OF N.Z.

Exchange, Australia on Western Samoa, basis £100 Samoa—buying £A100, selling £A100/10/-.
Exchange, Samoa on London, basis £100 in London:—

	Buying.	Selling.
Telegraphic transfer ..	£123 0 0	£125 0 0
On Demand	123 0 0	124 17 6
30 days	122 15 0	124 15 0
60 days	122 10 0	124 12 6
90 days	122 5 0	124 10 0
120 days	122 0 0	124 7 6

BROADCAST OF COPRA PRICES.

SOUTH SEAS produce prices (including copra) are broadcast weekly from Sydney as the first item in the news bulletin from A.W.A.'s world range short-wave station VK2ME each Sunday at 9 p.m., and Monday at 1.30 a.m. (Sydney time). Operating on a 31.28 wave length (9590 kilocycles), VK2ME will transmit programmes in August on Sundays between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. (0500-0700 G.M.T.) and 7.30 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. (0930-1330 G.M.T.); and on Mondays between 1.30 a.m. and 3.30 a.m. (1530-1730 G.M.T.).

ISLANDS PRODUCE

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Coffee

THE following quotations were obtained in Sydney during July:—

Robusta, f.a.q., imported from Java on firm conversion of exchange, c.i.f., prompt shipment, Sydney:—Quote No. 1: 25/3 per cwt.; quote No. 2: 20/6 per cwt.

Kenya, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt.:—No. 1 quotations: Grade "A", 50/-; grade "B", 47/-; grade "C", 44/-. Triage 37/-. No. 2 quotations: Grade "A", 47/6; grade "B", 47/6; grade "C" (no quote—new season unavailable). Triage 38/6 (drought coffee). No. 3 quotations: Grade "B", 47/-; grade "C", 41/-.

Mysore, f.a.q., prompt shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt.: No. 1 quotations: Grade "A", 56/-; grade "B", 52/-; No. 2 quotations: Grade "B", season closed. Last quote, 54/-. Triage, market closed, no supplies available. Last quote, 44/-.

Arabian (Aden) Hodeidah, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney—No. 1 quotation: 64/6 per cwt. No. 2 quotation, 78/- per cwt.

Note: Importers of coffee from Java, etc., pay the following additional charges: Exchange, duty (4d. lb.), primage (10 per cent.), landing costs (1/- per cwt.). Coffee from Papua and New Guinea escapes most of these charges.

Kapok

Based on firm conversion of exchange, the c.i.f. official prices for kapok quoted in Sydney in mid-July were:—Average Java 7½d. per lb., and prime Japara, 7 7-16d. per lb.

Cocoa

Quote No. 1: Cocoa beans, £25-£30 per ton. Quote No. 2: New Guinea cocoa £25 per ton. Quote No. 3: Accra, good fermented (Feb.-Mar. shipment), £25/10/ per ton, c.i.f., Sydney.

Cotton

London c.i.f. cotton prices during the month were:—June 25, 4.69d. lb., July shipment; July 2, 4.83d. lb., August shipment; July 9, 4.97d. lb., August shipment; July 16, 4.72d. lb., August shipment.

Ivory Nuts

Quotations nominal.
No. 1 quotation: £8/10/- per ton, f.o.b.
No. 2 quotation: £10 per ton, f.o.b., Sydney.

Mother of Pearl Shell

At the May sales of Mother of Pearl shell in London, a large supply of Torres Strait shell came forward and was sold at prices ranging from £140 (sterling) for A.A. Chicken to £65 (sterling) for fair defective pickings. There was no New Guinea shell offered. Nearly 90 packages of Black Edged Tahitian shell were put up, but were mostly withdrawn. Darwin shell fetched £175 (sterling) for 1st grade to £75 (sterling) for fair defective pickings. Prices generally were lower than the previous sale, although small shell was firm.

Green Snail Shell

Green snail shell, good quality, was quoted by Sydney buyers in mid-July, at £50-£55 per ton.

Rice

Rangoon rice: packed in 100 lb. bags, £12/10/ per ton; 200 lb. bags, £12/5/ per ton, f.o.b., Sydney.
Australian table rice, packed in 56 lb. bags, £18 per ton.

Trochus Shell

Owing to Japan's restrictions on overseas credits, there have been no sales for some time. Quotations are nominal.

The following quotations, by two firms, represent last sales, several weeks ago:—

- (a) Trochus shell, No. 1 grade £85
Trochus shell, No. 2 grade £75
Trochus shell, No. 3 grade £65
(b) Trochus shell, No. 1 grade £75
Trochus shell, No. 2 grade £65
Trochus shell, No. 3 grade £55
All quotes are f.o.b., and on the Australian £.

Market Quotations

THE Pacific Islands Monthly makes a close check of the prices quoted for Islands produce; and we regularly publish the range of prices during each month, including the last available quotation before going to press.

Copra

London	South Sea, Sun-Dried to London	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Rabaul
Price on—	Per ton, c.i.f.	Per ton, c.i.f.
January 1, 1932	£14 0 0	£14 15 0
March 25	£14 17 6	£15 0 0
June 17	£13 2 6	£13 5 0
September 2	£13 17 6	£14 0 0
December 16	£14 2 6	£14 5 0
January 6, 1933	£13 0 0	£13 12 6
March 3	£11 7 6	£11 10 0
June 30	£10 17 6	£11 0 0
September 29	£9 7 6	£9 10 0
December 1	£8 12 6	£9 0 0
January 5, 1934	£8 0 0	£8 7 6
March 30	£7 7 6	£8 0 0
April 27	£7 7 6	£8 0 0
June 15	£8 0 0	£8 12 6
July 6	£7 17 6	£8 15 0

September 7	—	—	£7 12 6	£8 15 0
December 28	—	—	£9 0 0	£9 12 6
January 4, 1935	—	—	£9 5 0	£10 5 0
March 1	—	—	£12 2 6	£12 15 0
April 5	—	—	£10 15 0	£11 15 0
May 3	—	—	£11 17 6	£12 12 6
June 7	—	—	£11 15 0	£12 7 6
July 5	—	—	£9 12 0	£10 5 0
August 2	—	—	£9 15 0	£10 15 0
September 6	—	—	£9 17 6	£10 17 6
October 4	—	—	£11 7 6	£12 7 6
November 1	—	—	£12 17 6	£14 0 0
December 6	—	—	£12 17 6	£14 0 0

South Sea, Smoked, to Genoa and Marseilles	South Sea, Sun-Dried to London	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Rabaul
Price on—	Per ton, c.i.f.	Per ton, c.i.f.
Jan. 3, '36	£13 2 6	£13 15 0
Feb. 7	£13 0 0	£14 0 0
Mar. 6	£11 15 0	£12 15 0
April 3	£12 7 6	£13 5 0
May 1	£11 10 0	£11 15 0
June 5	£11 10 0	£12 0 0
July 3	£12 0 0	£12 10 0
Aug. 7	£12 17 6	£13 7 6
Sept. 4	£13 2 6	£13 10 0
Oct. 2	£13 7 6	£13 10 0
Nov. 6	£15 10 0	£15 2 6
Dec. 4	£19 7 6	£19 7 6
Jan. 8, '37	£22 12 6	£22 12 6
Feb. 5	£19 0 0	£19 0 0
Mar. 5	£19 0 0	£19 5 0
Apr. 2	£19 0 0	£19 15 0
May 7	£16 0 0	£16 12 6

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Aug. 6	—	£15 2 6	£15 2 6	£15 17 6
Sept. 3	—	£13 5 0	£13 5 0	£14 0 0
Oct. 1	—	£14 15 0	£14 17 6	£15 12 6
Nov. 5	—	£13 10 0	£13 10 0	£14 5 0

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Jan. 7, '38	—	£12 12 6	£12 15 0	£13 12 6
Jan. 14	—	£12 7 6	£12 12 6	£13 7 6
Jan. 21	—	£12 0 0	£12 12 6	£13 0 0
Jan. 28	—	£11 17 6	£12 0 0	£12 15 0
Feb. 4	—	£11 2 6	£11 10 0	£12 7 6
Feb. 11	—	£10 17 6	£11 15 0	£12 0 0
Feb. 18	—	£10 12 6	£11 0 0	£11 15 0
Feb. 25	—	£11 2 6	£11 5 0	£12 5 0
Mar. 4	—	£10 17 6	£11 0 0	£12 0 0
Mar. 11	—	£10 15 0	£11 0 0	£12 0 0
Mar. 18	—	£10 15 0	£11 0 0	£12 0 0
Mar. 25	—	£10 12 6	£10 15 0	£11 12 6
Apr. 1	—	£10 10 0	£10 12 6	£11 10 0
Apr. 8	—	£10 12 6	£10 15 0	£11 12 6
Apr. 14	—	£10 15 0	£10 17 6	£11 15 0
Apr. 22	—	£10 17 6	£11 0 0	£12 0 0
Apr. 29	—	£10 17 6	£11 0 0	£12 0 0
May 6	—	£10 17 6	£10 17 6	£11 17 6
May 13	—	£10 15 0	£10 15 0	£11 15 0
May 20	—	£10 15 0	£10 15 0	£11 15 0
May 27	—	£10 0 0	£10 0 0	£10 15 0
June 3	—	£9 15 0	£9 15 0	£10 12 6
June 10	—	£9 15 0	£9 15 0	£10 10 0
June 17	—	£9 12 6	£9 12 6	£10 7 6
June 24	—	£10 0 0	£10 0 0	£11 0 0
July 2	—	£9 17 6	£9 17 6	£10 17 6
July 9	—	£10 2 6	£10 2 6	£11 2 6
July 16	—	£10 5 0	£10 5 0	£11 5 0

Rubber

London	Price on—	Para	Plantation
		per lb.	Smoked
January 6, 1933	—	—	2.48d.
July 7	—	—	3.71d.
December 8	—	—	4.08d.
January 5, 1934	—	—	4.28d.
July 6	—	—	7.06d.
December 28	—	—	61d.
January 4, 1935	—	—	61d.

July 5	—	—	5d.	7½d.
December 6	—	—	6½d.	6½d.
January 3, 1936	—	—	6½d.	6½d.
June 5	—	—	9d.	7½d.
December 4	—	—	1/-	9 1/16d.
January 8, 1937	—	—	1/2	10½d.
March 5	—	—	11½d.	11 1/32d.
April 2	—	—	1/-	1 1/16 1/16
June 4	—	—	11d.	9 5/8d.
Aug. 6	—	—	9½d.	9 1/16d.
Sept. 3	—	—	9½d.	9 1/16d.
Oct. 1	—	—	9½d.	8 9/16d.
Nov. 5	—	—	8d.	7½d.
Dec. 3	—	—	7½d.	7½d.
Jan. 7, 1938	—	—	7½d.	7d.
Jan. 14	—	—	7½d.	7½d.
Jan. 21	—	—	7d.	7½d.
Jan. 28	—	—	7d.	7½d.
Feb. 4	—	—	6½d.	6½d.
Feb. 18	—	—	6½d.	7 1/16d.
Feb. 25	—	—	6d.	7 3/16d.
Mar. 4	—	—	6d.	7½d.
Mar. 11	—	—	6d.	7d.
Mar. 18	—	—	5½d.	6¾d.
Mar. 25	—	—	5½d.	6 1/16d.
April 1	—	—	5½d.	5 7/16d.
April 8	—	—	5½d.	5 13/16d.
April 22	—	—	5½d.	5 3/16d.
April 29	—	—	5½d.	5½d.
May 6	—	—	5½d.	5½d.
May 13	—	—	5½d.	5½d.
May 20	—	—	5½d.	5½d.
May 27	—	—	5½d.	5 7/16d.
June 3	—	—	5½d.	5 9/16d.
June 10	—	—	5½d.	6d.
June 17	—	—	6d.	5 31/32d.
June 24	—	—	6½d.	6 11/16d.
July 2	—	—	6½d.	7½d.
July 9	—	—	7d.	7 5/16d.
July 16	—	—	7d.	7 5/16d.

ARCHBOLD EXPEDITION 'PLANE IN PT. MORESBY

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, July 8.
DR. RICHARD ARCHBOLD in his huge flying-boat, "Guba II", piloted by Russell Rogers, with a crew of five, arrived in Port Moresby on July 2 from Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea. The plane made a perfect landing in the harbour before a large gathering of interested people.

Owing to an attack of malaria, Mr. Archbold was admitted to the European Hospital, Port Moresby, the following day, but the attack did not prove serious.

Three latest model teleradio sets, manufactured by Amalgamated Wireless (A/sia) Ltd., were picked up here. They will be used by Dr. Archbold's three field parties in the interior of D.N.G. One party is collecting butterflies, another snakes, and the third rats, particularly, and rodentia in general.

After various matters relating to the expedition had been attended to, the party left by the "Guba" on July 6 for Daru (Western Papua) and thence Hollandia.

RAY PARER'S MISHAP

From Our Own Correspondent.

WAU, June 29.
RAY PARER, the veteran New Guinea flier, and a passenger (Mr. Robertson) were admitted to hospital on June 12 after Parer's Fox 'Moth' had crashed when landing at the foot of Wau aerodrome. Neither was seriously hurt, although the machine was badly damaged.

The plane had left Watut 'drome when the light was reasonably good, but darkness came quickly before the fliers reached Wau. Coming down, the Moth's undercarriage became enmeshed in the long grass and the plane turned over.

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	Mariposa.	Monterey.	Mariposa.	Monterey.	Mariposa.	Monterey.	Mariposa.
Honolulu	July 25	Aug. 22	Sept. 19	Oct. 17	Nov. 14	Dec. 12	Jan. 9
Pago Pago	July 30	Aug. 27	Sept. 24	Oct. 22	Nov. 19	Dec. 17	Jan. 14
Suva	Aug. 2	Aug. 30	Sept. 27	Oct. 25	Nov. 22	Dec. 20	Jan. 17
Auckland	Aug. 5	Sept. 2	Sept. 30	Oct. 28	Nov. 25	Dec. 23	Jan. 20
Sydney	Aug. 8	Sept. 5	Oct. 3	Oct. 31	Nov. 28	Dec. 26	Jan. 23
Melbourne	A. 12-15	S. 9-12	O. 7-10	N. 4-7	Dec. 2-5	D. 30-J. 2	J. 27-
Sydney	Aug. 19	Sept. 16	Oct. 14	Nov. 11	Dec. 9	Jan. 6	—
Auckland	Aug. 22	Sept. 19	Oct. 17	Nov. 14	Dec. 12	Jan. 9	—
Suva	Aug. 25	Sept. 22	Oct. 20	Nov. 17	Dec. 15	Jan. 12	—
Pago Pago	Aug. 26	Sept. 23	Oct. 21	Nov. 18	Dec. 16	Jan. 13	—
Honolulu	Aug. 31	Sept. 28	Oct. 26	Nov. 23	Dec. 21	Jan. 18	—

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	Nankin.	Nellore.	Tanda.	Nankin.	Nellore.	Tanda.	Nankin.
Hong Kong	—	Aug. 5	Sept. 2	Oct. 1	Nov. 4	Dec. 2	Dec. 31
Manila	—	Aug. 8	Sept. 5	Oct. 4	Nov. 7	Dec. 5	Jan. 3
Rabaul	—	Aug. 16	Sept. 13	Oct. 12	Nov. 15	Dec. 13	Jan. 11
Brisbane	—	Aug. 22	Sept. 19	Oct. 18	Nov. 21	Dec. 19	Jan. 17
Sydney	—	Aug. 24	Sept. 21	Oct. 20	Nov. 23	Dec. 21	Jan. 19
Melbourne	J. 25-A. 3	A. 29-S. 3	S. 26-O. 1	O. 24-N. 2	N. 28-D. 3	D. 26-	J. 23-
Hobart	Aug. 5	Sept. 5	Oct. 3	Nov. 4	Dec. 5	—	—
Newcastle	Aug. 8	Sept. 8	Oct. 6	Nov. 7	Dec. 8	—	—
Sydney, dep.	Aug. 13	Sept. 14	Oct. 12	Nov. 12	Dec. 14	—	—
Brisbane	Aug. 15	Sept. 16	Oct. 14	Nov. 14	Dec. 16	—	—
Townsville	Aug. 18	Sept. 19	Oct. 17	Nov. 17	Dec. 19	—	—
Rabaul	Aug. 23	Sept. 24	Oct. 22	Nov. 22	Dec. 24	—	—
Manila	Aug. 31	Oct. 2	Oct. 30	Nov. 30	Jan. 1	—	—
Hong Kong	Sept. 3	Oct. 5	Nov. 2	Dec. 3	Jan. 4	—	—

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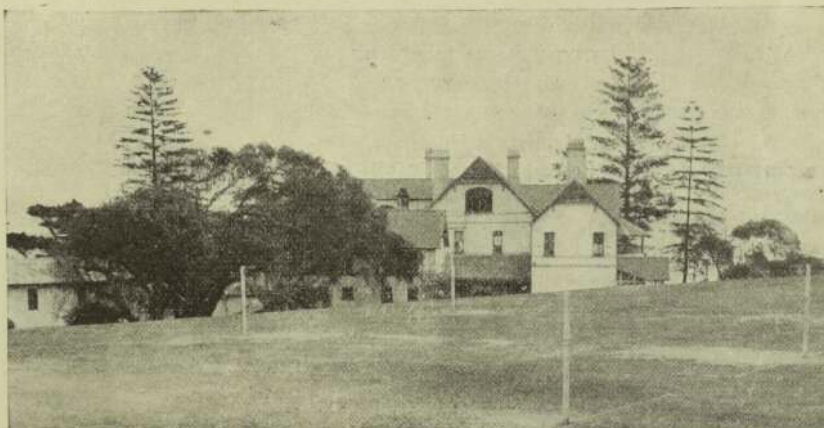
Sydney	Sept. 3	Oct. 15	Nov. 26
Brisbane	Sept. 5	Oct. 17	Nov. 28
Townsville	Sept. 8	Oct. 20	Dec. 1
Cairns	Sept. 9	Oct. 21	Dec. 2
Tulagi	—	—	—
Makambo	S. 13-14	Oct. 25-26	D. 6-7
Gavutu	—	—	—
Su'u	Sept. 15	Oct. 27	Dec. 8
Domma	—	—	—
Mamara	—	—	—
Tasavarong	Sept. 16	—	Dec. 9
Aruligo	—	—	—
Lavoro	—	—	—
Mamara	—	—	—
Tasavarong	—	Oct. 28	—
Aruligo	—	—	—
Meringe	—	Oct. 29	—
Hivo	—	—	—
Yandina	—	—	—
Banika	—	—	—
Ufa	Sept. 17	Oct. 30	Dec. 10
Faiami	—	—	—
Younger	—	—	—
Pepesala	—	—	—
Lingata	—	—	—
West Bay	Sept. 18	—	Dec. 11
Somata	—	—	—
Gizo	Sept. 19	Oct. 31	Dec. 12
Faisi	Sept. 20	Nov. 1	Dec. 13
Kieta	Sept. 20	Nov. 1	Dec. 13
Arigua	Sept. 21	Nov. 2	Dec. 14
Numa Numa	—	—	—
Teopasino	Sept. 22	Nov. 3	Dec. 15
Rabaul	S. 23-24	N. 4-5	D. 16-17
Soraken	S. 25-26	N. 6-7	D. 18-19
Kieta	Sept. 27	Nov. 8	Dec. 20
Faisi	Sept. 28	Nov. 9	Dec. 21
Gizo	Sept. 29	Nov. 10	Dec. 22
Tetipari	—	—	—
Russell Is.	S. 30-O. 1	N. 11-12	D. 23-24
Gavutu	Oct. 1	Nov. 12	Dec. 24
Makambo	—	—	—
Brisbane	Oct. 6	Nov. 17	Dec. 29
Sydney	Oct. 8	Nov. 19	Dec. 31

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	M.V. Salamaua.	M.V. Rabaul.
London ..	—	Sept. 23
Suva	—	Nov. 16
Auckland ..	Aug. 5	—
Sydney ..	Aug. 15	Nov. 30
Salamaua ..	Aug. 28	Dec. 10
Rabaul ..	Aug. 31	Dec. 22
London ..	N. 3-24	Feb. 22

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	Aorangi.	Niagara.	Aorangi.	Niagara.	Aorangi.	Niagara.	Aorangi.
Honolulu ..	Aug. 10	Sept. 7	Oct. 5	Nov. 2	Nov. 30	Dec. 28	Jan. 25
Suva	Aug. 19	Sept. 16	Oct. 14	Nov. 11	Dec. 9	Jan. 6	Feb. 3
Auckland ..	A. 22-23	S. 19-20	O. 17-18	N. 14-15	D. 12-13	J. 9-10	Feb. 6-7
Sydney ..	Aug. 27	Sept. 24	Oct. 22	Nov. 19	Dec. 17	Jan. 14	Feb. 11
Sydney, dep.	Sept. 1	Sept. 29	Oct. 27	Nov. 24	Dec. 22	Jan. 19	Feb. 16
Auckland ..	S. 5-6	Oct. 3-4	O. 31-N. 1	N. 28-29	D. 26-27	J. 23-24	F. 20-21
Suva	Sept. 9	Oct. 7	Nov. 4	Dec. 2	Dec. 30	Jan. 27	Feb. 24
Honolulu ..	Sept. 16	Oct. 14	Nov. 11	Dec. 9	Jan. 6	Feb. 3	Mar. 3

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Sydney**

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	M.V. Neptuna.	
Melbourne ..	Aug. 31	Nov. 7
Sydney ..	Sept. 2-7	Nov. 9-12
Salamaua ..	Sept. 14	Nov. 19
Rabaul ..	Sept. 16	Nov. 21
Cebu (opt.) ..	Sept. 23	Nov. 28
Manila ..	Sept. 26	Dec. 1
Hong Kong ..	S. 28-O. 2	Dec. 3-7
Saigon ..	Oct. 8	Dec. 13
Madang ..	Oct. 19	Dec. 24
Salamaua ..	Oct. 22	Dec. 27
Rabaul ..	Oct. 25	Dec. 30
Sydney ..	Nov. 1	Jan. 6-7
Melbourne ..	Nov. 4	Jan. 9

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	M.V. Matua	
Auckland ..	Aug. 25	Sept. 8
Cook Is.	Aug. 15	Sept. 12
Outer Cooks ..	A. 16-17	S. 13-14
Cook Is.	Aug. 18	Sept. 15
Nukualofa ..	—	A. 28-29
Apia	—	A. 30-31
Suva	—	Sept. 3
Auckland ..	Aug. 24	Sept. 7

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	M.V. Maui Pomare	
Wellington ..	Aug. 9	Sept. 6
Apia	A. 16-18	S. 13-15
Niue	Aug. 20	Sept. 17
Lyttelton ..	Aug. 29	Sept. 26
Wellington ..	Aug. 30	Sept. 27
		Oct. 4
		Nov. 1
		Nov. 8-10
		Nov. 12
		O. 24-25
		Nov. 21
		Nov. 22
		Dec. 12
		Dec. 13

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Hong Kong ..	Aug. 11	Tulagi (dep.) ..	Aug. 31
Madang	Aug. 23	Rabaul	Sept. 3-8
Salamaua ..	Aug. 25	Lorengau ..	Sept. 11
Tulagi (arr.)	Aug. 29	Hong Kong ..	Sept. 24

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Pierre Loti			
Sydney	Sept. 15	Oct. 20	Nov. 17
Noumea	S. 19-21	O. 24-26	N. 21-23
Mare	Sept. 21	Oct. 26	—
Vila	S. 22-23	O. 27-28	N. 24-25
Luganville	Sept. 24	Oct. 29	Nov. 26
Le Dart	S. 25-26	O. 30-31	N. 27-28
Norsup	Sept. 26	Oct. 31	—
Saigon	—	—	D. 13-15
Haiphong	—	—	D. 16-22
Luganville	—	—	Jan. 6
Le Dart	—	Nov. 2	Jan. 7
Vila	S. 27-28	N. 2-3	J. 8-9
Mare	Sept. 29	Nov. 4	—
Noumea	S. 30-O. 1	N. 5-6	J. 10-12
Sydney	Oct. 5	Nov. 10	Jan. 16

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**Japan - N. Guinea - Noumea
New Zealand**

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Melbourne Kohzan Brisbane Maru. Maru. Maru.		
Kobe	Aug. 12	Sept. 1
Moji	A. 13-14	—
Rabaul	Aug. 23	—
Noumea	A. 28-30	Sept. 17
Auckland	Sept. 2-7	S. 21-24
Wellington	S. 9-13	S. 26-29
Lyttelton	S. 14-16	S. 30-O. 1
Dunedin	S. 17-19	Oct. 2-4
Lyttelton	—	—
Wellington	S. 9-13	S. 26-29
Cebu	Oct. 6-7	—
Manila	Oct. 8-9	—
Hong Kong	Oct. 11	—
Shanghai	Oct. 14	—
Kobe	O. 17-19	O. 27-28
		N. 26-29

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Maet- Tasman. Maet- suycker. — suycker.		
Saigon	Aug. 15	Sept. 15
Singapore	A. 17-18	Sept. 17
Batavia	A. 20-22	S. 19-20
Samarang	Aug. 23	Sept. 21
Sourabaya	Aug. 24	Sept. 22
Pt. Moresby	Aug. 31	Sept. 29
Samarai	Sept. 1	—
Salamaua	Sept. 3	—
Rabaul	Sept. 5	—
Vila	—	Oct. 4
Noumea	—	Oct. 5-7
Auckland	S. 12-14	O. 11-12
Wellington	S. 16-17	O. 14-15
Sydney	S. 21-23	O. 19-21
Pt. Moresby	Sept. 28	Oct. 27
Sourabaya	Oct. 5	Nov. 3
Samarang	Oct. 6	Nov. 4
Batavia	O. 7-9	N. 5-7
Singapore	Oct. 11	Nov. 9
Saigon	Oct. 13	Nov. 12

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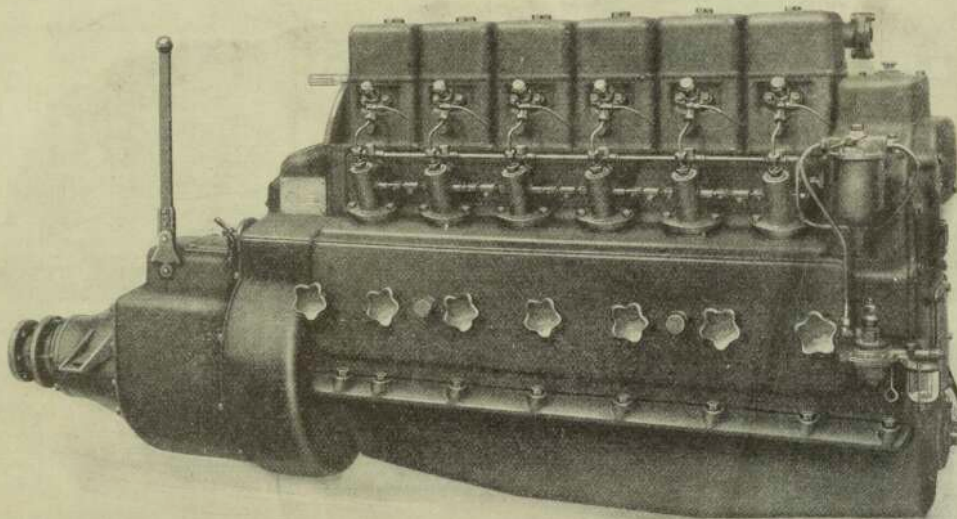
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Papeete	J. 31-A. 1	S. 14-15	O. 22-23
Raiatea (opt.)	—	S. 16	Oct. 24
Suva	Aug. 8	—	Oct. 31
Vila	Aug. 10	Sept. 26	Nov. 2
Noumea	A. 12-18	S. 28-O. 6	N. 4-12
Vila	Aug. 21	Oct. 9	Nov. 15
Raiatea	Aug. 28	Oct. 18	Nov. 22
Papeete	A. 29-31	O. 19-21	N. 23-25

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	Montoro.	Macdhui.	Montoro.	Macdhui.	Montoro.	Macdhui.
Sydney	Aug. 3	Aug. 17	Sept. 10	Sept. 24	Oct. 19	Nov. 2
Brisbane	Aug. 5	Aug. 19	Sept. 12	Sept. 26	Oct. 21	Nov. 4
Townsville	Aug. 8	—	Sept. 15	—	Oct. 24	Nov. 7
Cairns	Aug. 9	—	Sept. 16	—	Oct. 25	Nov. 8*
Pt. Moresby	Aug. 11	Aug. 23	S. 18-19	Sept. 30	Oct. 27	—
Samarai	Aug. 13	Aug. 24	Sept. 21	Oct. 1	Oct. 29	—
Woodlark Is.	Aug. 14	—	—	—	Oct. 30	—
Rabaul	Aug. 16	A. 26-27	S. 23-24	O. 3-4	Nov. 1	—
Kavieng	Aug. 17	—	Sept. 25	—	Nov. 2	—
Lindenhafen	—	Aug. 28	—	Oct. 5	—	—
Salamaua	A. 19-20	A. 29-30	S. 27-28	Oct. 6-7	Nov. 4-5	—
Lae	A. 21-22	Aug. 31	Sept. 29	Oct. 8	Nov. 6	—
Madang	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alexishafen	—	—	—	—	—	—
Borom	—	Sept. 1	—	O. 9-10	—	—
Wewak	—	—	—	—	—	—
Madang	Aug. 22	Sept. 2	Sept. 29	Oct. 11	Nov. 7	—
Finschafen	—	Sept. 3	—	Oct. 12	—	—
Salamaua	Aug. 23	Sept. 3	Sept. 30	Oct. 12	Nov. 8	—
Kavieng	—	Sept. 5	—	Oct. 14	—	—
Pondo	—	Sept. 6	—	Oct. 15	—	—
Rabaul	Aug. 25	Sept. 7	Oct. 3	Oct. 17	Nov. 10	—
Salamaua	—	Sept. 8	—	Oct. 18	—	—
Samarai	Aug. 27	Sept. 10	Oct. 5	Oct. 20	Nov. 12	—
Pt. Moresby	Aug. 29	Sept. 12	Oct. 6	Oct. 21	Nov. 14	—
Cairns	Aug. 31	—	Oct. 8	—	Nov. 16	—
Brisbane	Sept. 3	Sept. 16	Oct. 11	Oct. 25	Nov. 19	—
Sydney	Sept. 5	Sept. 18	Oct. 13	Oct. 27	Nov. 21	—

As a result of the S.S. Montoro going into dock in Sydney on July 25, her next trip to Papua and New Guinea, scheduled to commence on July 30, has been postponed until August 3. This and the two following trips have been amended as set out above. The M.V. Macdhui's schedule is not affected.

*It is expected that the new motor vessel Bulolo will be ready to replace the Montoro on the Sydney-Papua-New Guinea run in mid-November. In that event, the schedule will be:—Macdhui, dep. Syd. Nov. 2, Bris. Nov. 4, T'ville Nov. 7, Cairns Nov. 8, thence to Papua and N.G. via the Montoro's normal itinerary; Bulolo dep. Sydney Nov. 19, Brisbane Nov. 21, and thence to Papua and N.G. by way of the Macdhui's present itinerary.

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	S.S. Morinda		
Sydney	Aug. 4	Sept. 3	Sept. 15
Lord Howe	Aug. 6	Sept. 5	Sept. 17
Norfolk Is.	Aug. 8	Sept. 7	Sept. 19
Vila	A. 11-12	—	S. 22-23
Bushman's B.	Aug. 13	—	Sept. 24
Malo	—	—	—
Tangoa	Aug. 13	—	Sept. 24
Segond	—	—	—
Aoba	Aug. 14	—	Sept. 25
Hog Har.	Aug. 15	—	Sept. 26
Norfolk Is.	Aug. 18	Sept. 8	Sept. 29
Lord Howe	Aug. 20	Sept. 10	Oct. 1
Sydney	Aug. 23	Sept. 12	Oct. 4

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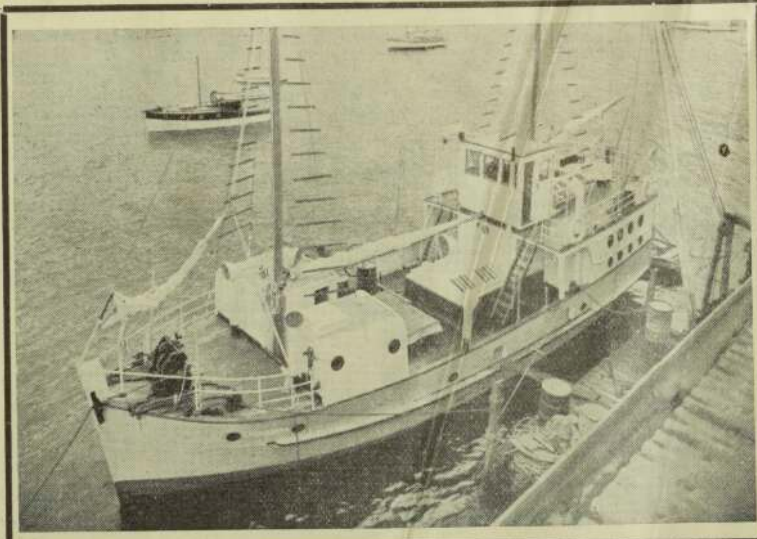
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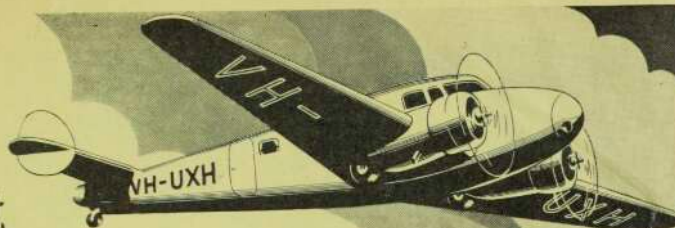
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